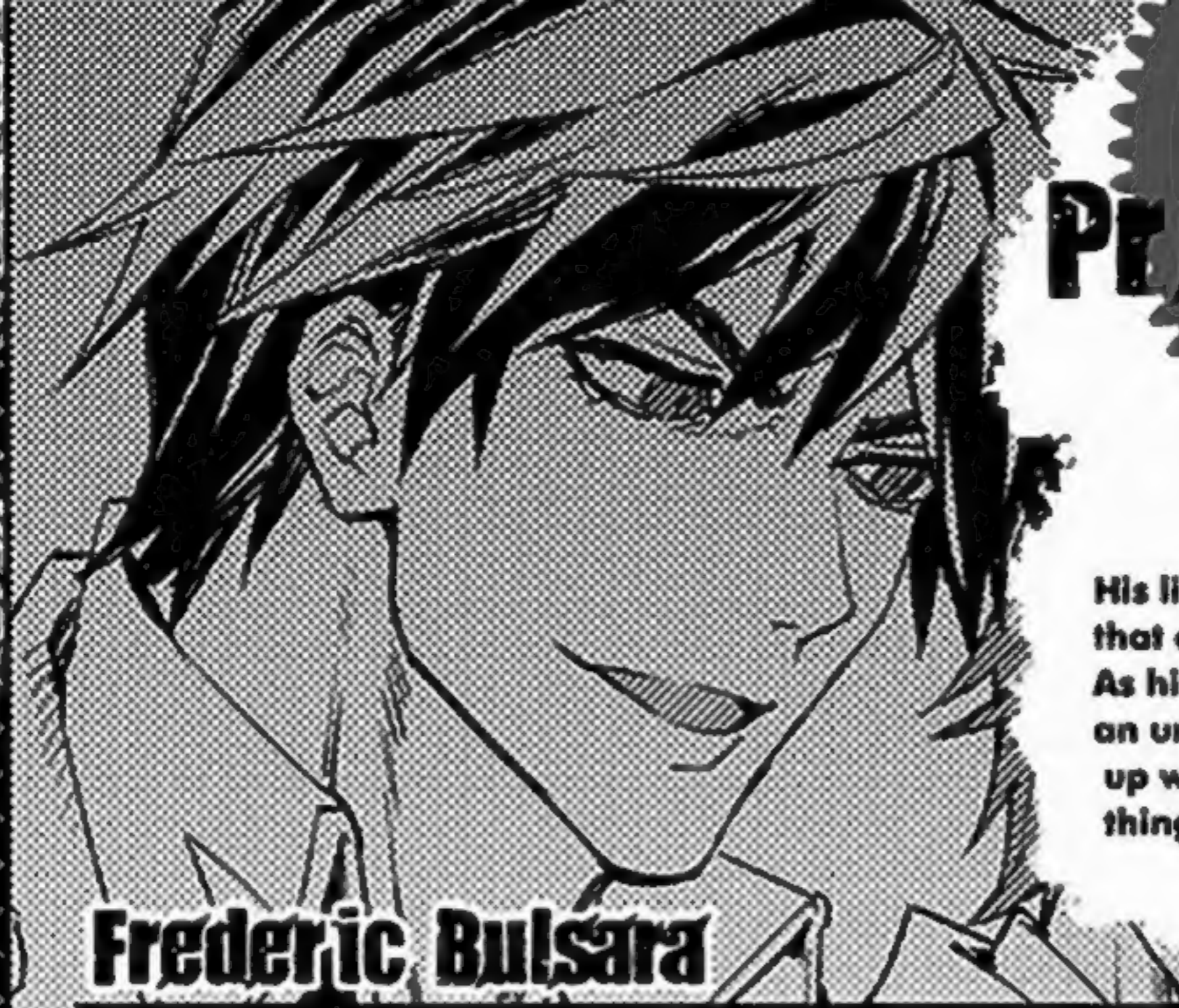


Prologue



Frederic Bulsara

He's researching energy mechanics at a facility in America along with Asuka and Aria. He's rugged, lazy, and can't be bothered to speak politely, but he's not a bad guy.

His life changes completely that day. As his body transforms, an urge for destruction wells up within him. Where did things go astray...?



Asuka R. Kreutz

A genius scientist who completed the principle behind Gear cells along with Frederick and Aria. He was a mild-mannered and gentle man, yet when he tried to bring change to the world...



Aria

A highly talented woman who researches together with Frederick and Asuka. She's in a relationship with Frederick.

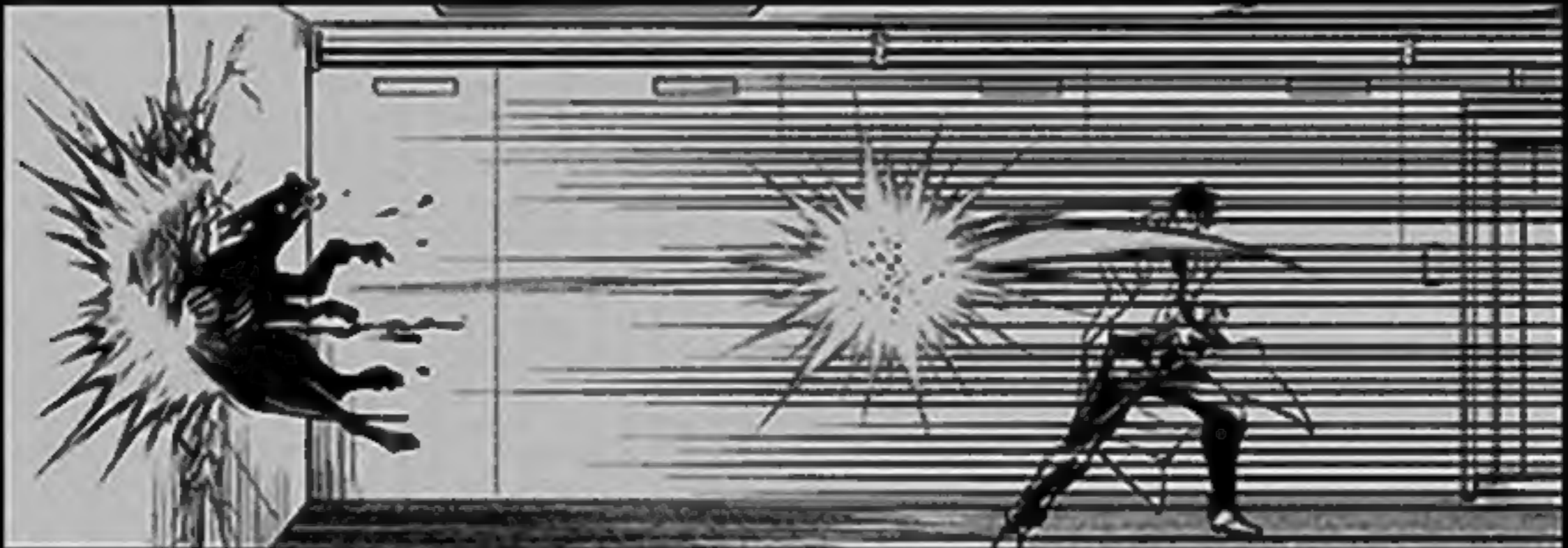
A.D. 2016

Somewhere
in country A —



would
change
my life
and
the world
completely.

The
incident
here
just a
few hours
earlier



It was like
something
out of a
comic or
movie.

For a while now,
my head's been full
of this one word
and I can't get it
out of my mind.

Yet
somehow,
I don't think
I'll be
selling
the movie
rights.





Frederick



Frederick!

Aria———

destroyed it?



For me,
this place
embodied
my ideals...

Who...

That's right.



Frederick



Who ———



Why...
did you
do this
to me!?

When
did you
betray
us!?



You're
kidding,
right?

Hey...

Tell me this
is just a
sick joke!

This is
all for the
future
of the
Gear
Project.





I thought of you as a true friend!

I always trusted you...



You're going to die.



Frederick

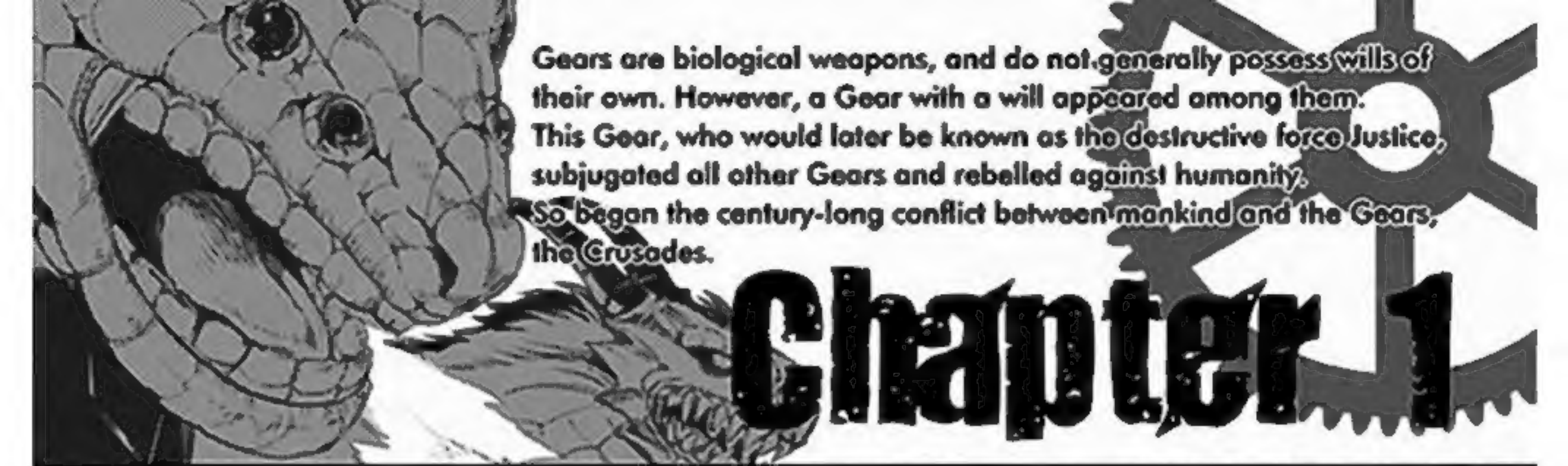
Works for me...

This is my revenge.

BAM

No clue why you made me into a monster,

but I'll take on the role as you wish...



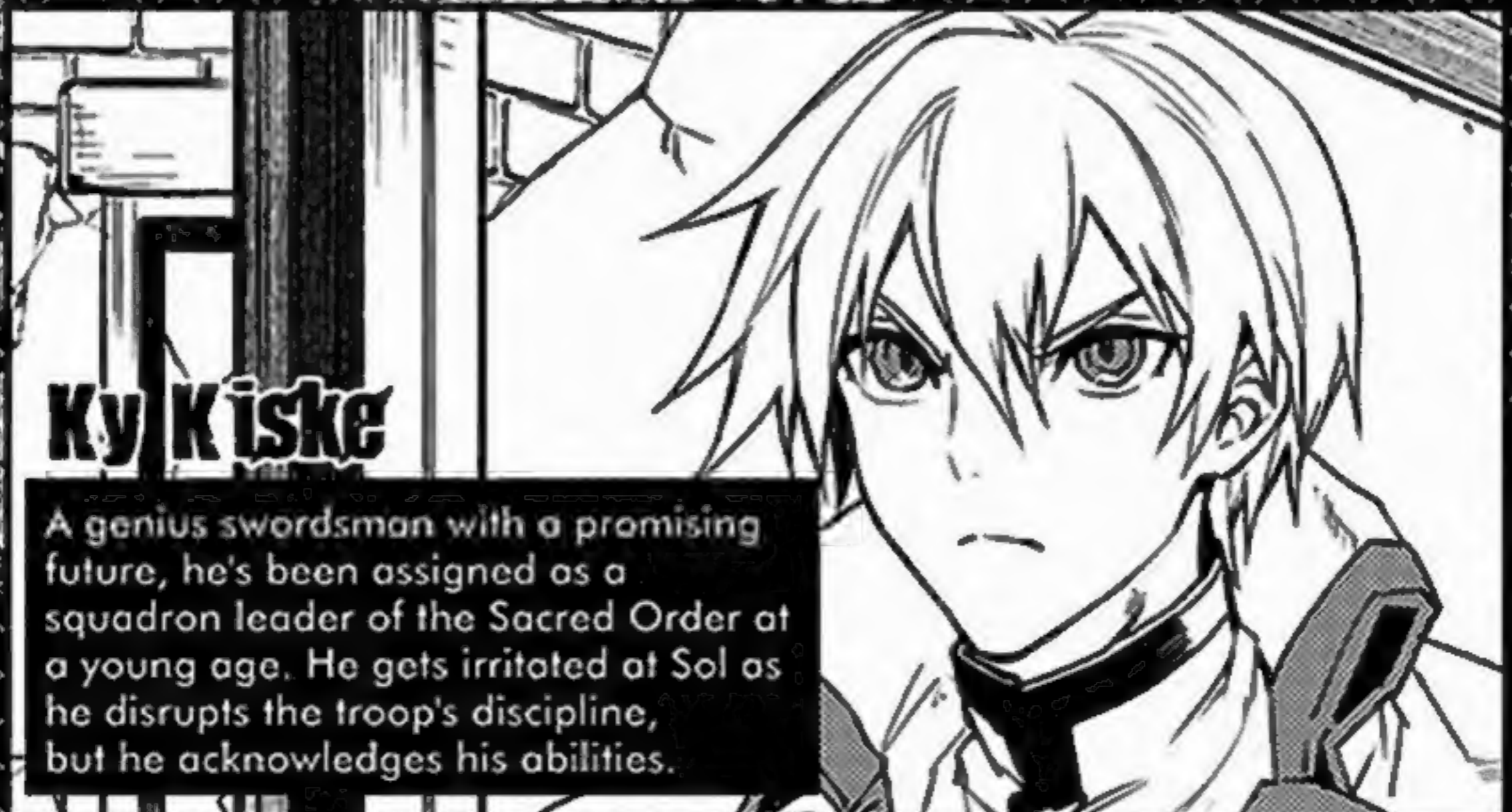
Gears are biological weapons, and do not generally possess wills of their own. However, a Gear with a will appeared among them. This Gear, who would later be known as the destructive force Justice, subjugated all other Gears and rebelled against humanity. So began the century-long conflict between mankind and the Gears, the Crusades.

Chapter 1



Sol Badguy

He's joined the specialized anti-Gear elite troops known as the Sacred Order of Holy Knights after being recruited by their leader, Kliff Undersn. Due to his personality, he goes solo even within the group.



Ky Kiske

A genius swordsman with a promising future, he's been assigned as a squadron leader of the Sacred Order at a young age. He gets irritated at Sol as he disrupts the troop's discipline, but he acknowledges his abilities.

humanity succeeded in the theorization of "magic," creating a limitless energy source.

At the end of the 20th century,

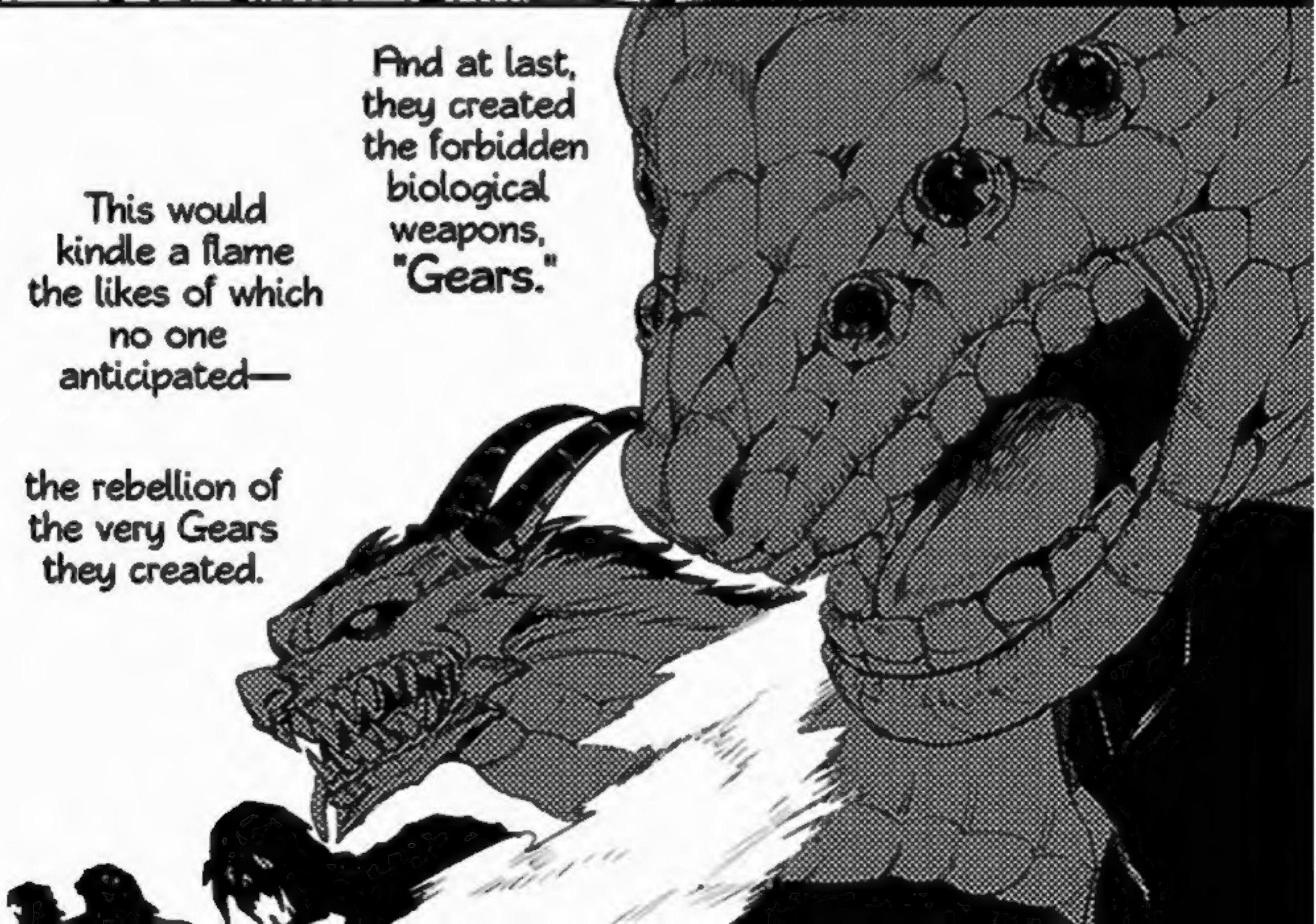


Yet, they could not bring an end to the conflicts between themselves.

This would kindle a flame the likes of which no one anticipated—

the rebellion of the very Gears they created.

And at last, they created the forbidden biological weapons, "Gears."



calling herself
"Justice."

With Gears
all over the world
on her side,
she declared war
on humanity.



One day,
from the midst
of the supposedly
obedient Gears,

came forth
a single Gear
who possessed
great combat ability
and
a strong will,



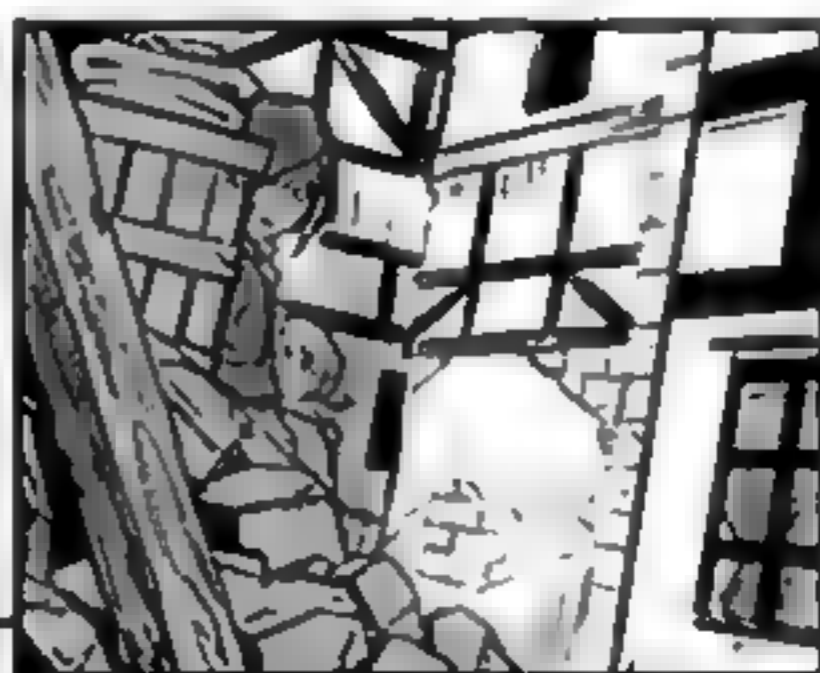
In response,
humanity formed an
anti-Gear
organization
known as the
"Sacred Order."

And thus began the

"Crusades,"

which would last a weary
one hundred years—

AD 2172



Has mommy ever lied to you?

Yes.

Really...?

It's alright...

I'm sure the Holy Knights will come and save us any moment now.

Nope...

Right about now—

Yes... Let's trust in them and wait.

and beat Justice already...

I just wish the Holy Knights would hurry up

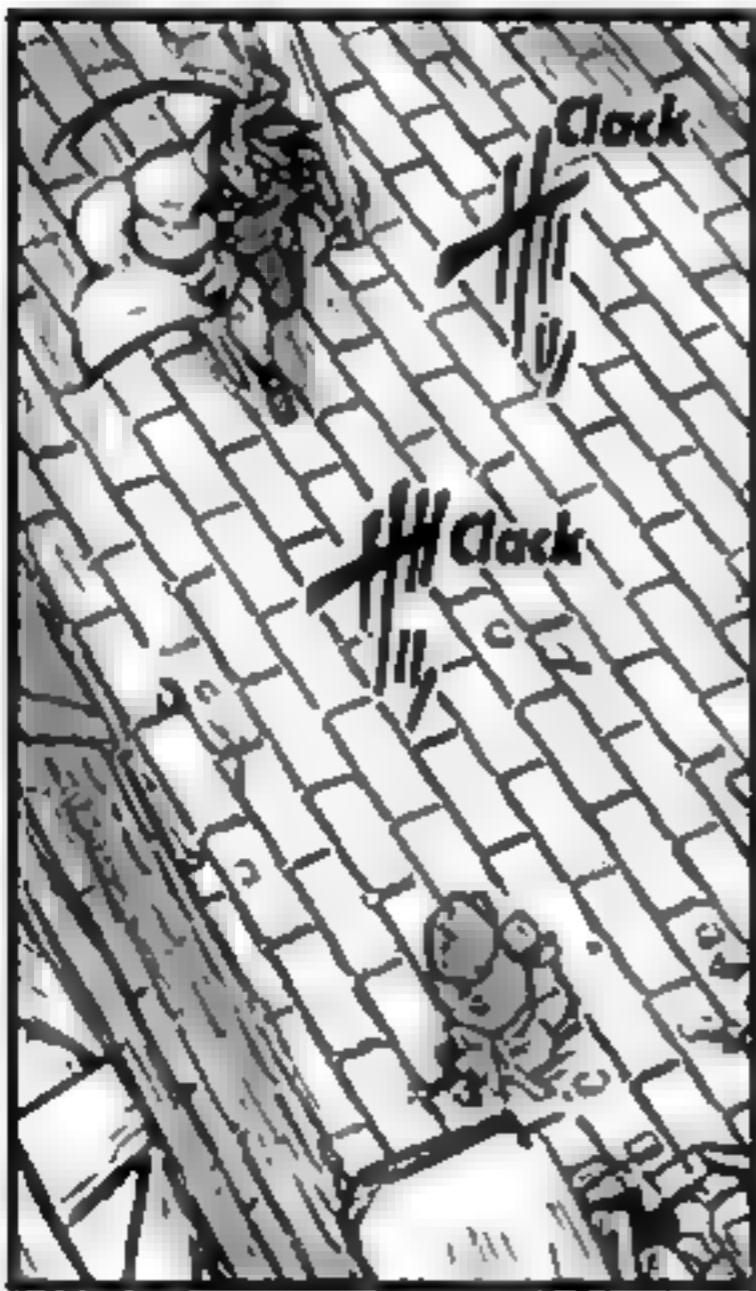




Bang



Crash



Clack

Clack



Clack



Woah...



Rumble

I won't
let you
live...

Not a
single
one of
you!



Rumble

Gun

Blaze

!!

Flutter
Flutter

flutter





every last
one of
the weapons
"he"
made...
Gears.

and
focused solely
on going around
and
destroying

No longer
human,
I gave up
my name,



That's why now
I'm wearing this
lame uniform.

as a member
of the
"Sacred Order,"
or whatever..!





Sol
Badguy!



Here
comes
the
oh so holy
fussy
Captain
himself.



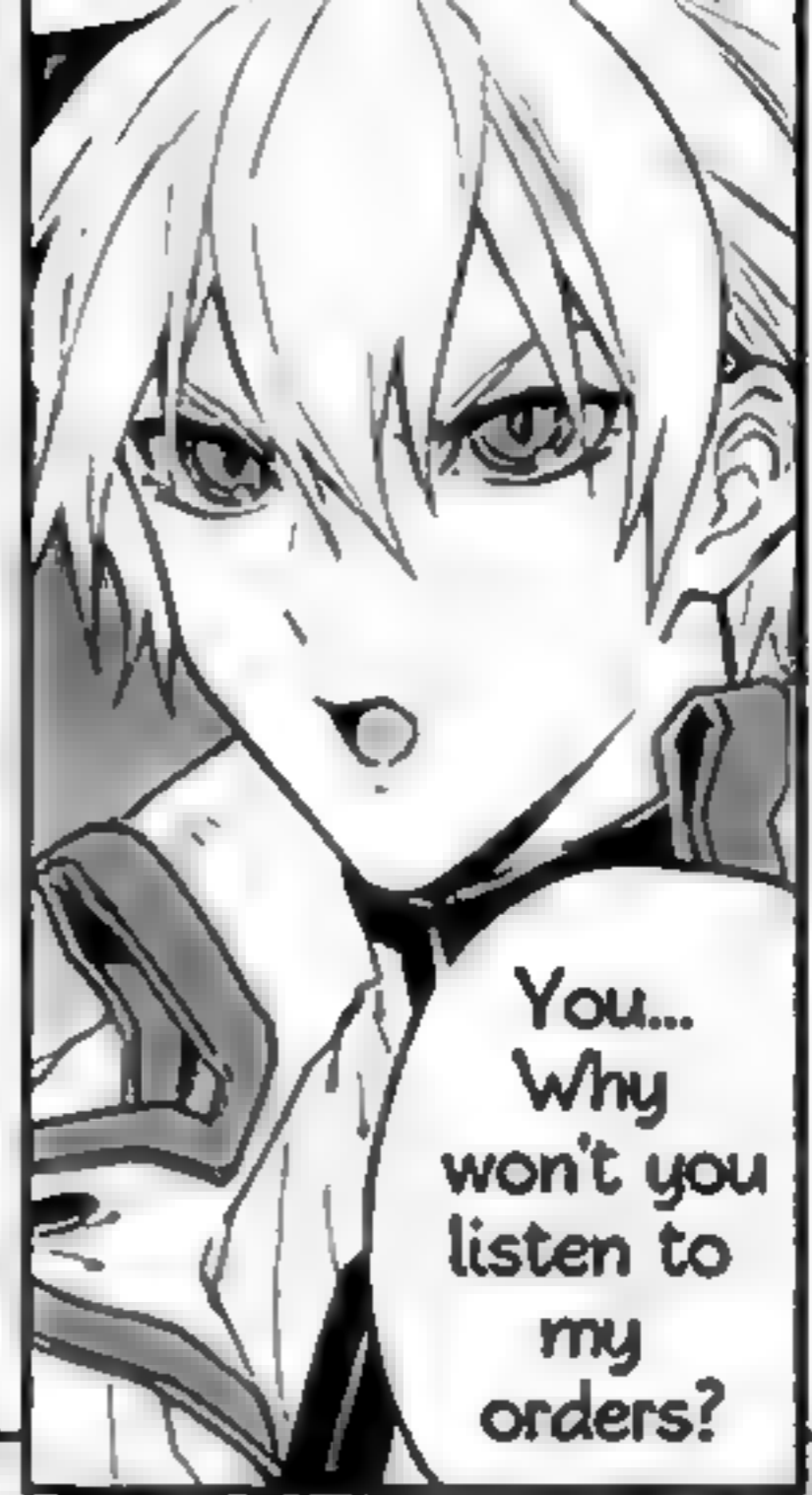
...
What
is
it?



Yes, and we have you to thank for the damage to the surrounding buildings!

I can handle it faster on my own.

What, that long as hell plan?



You... Why won't you listen to my orders?



Heh... No one died, right? I don't see the big deal.



Sol! Wait!

Listen ...

Why do you always ...!



Mister Holy Knight!

The refuge shelter is over here.



I want to say thank you for saving us!



If you see a red Holy Knight, could you tell him I said thank you?

Um, um!



Come this way!

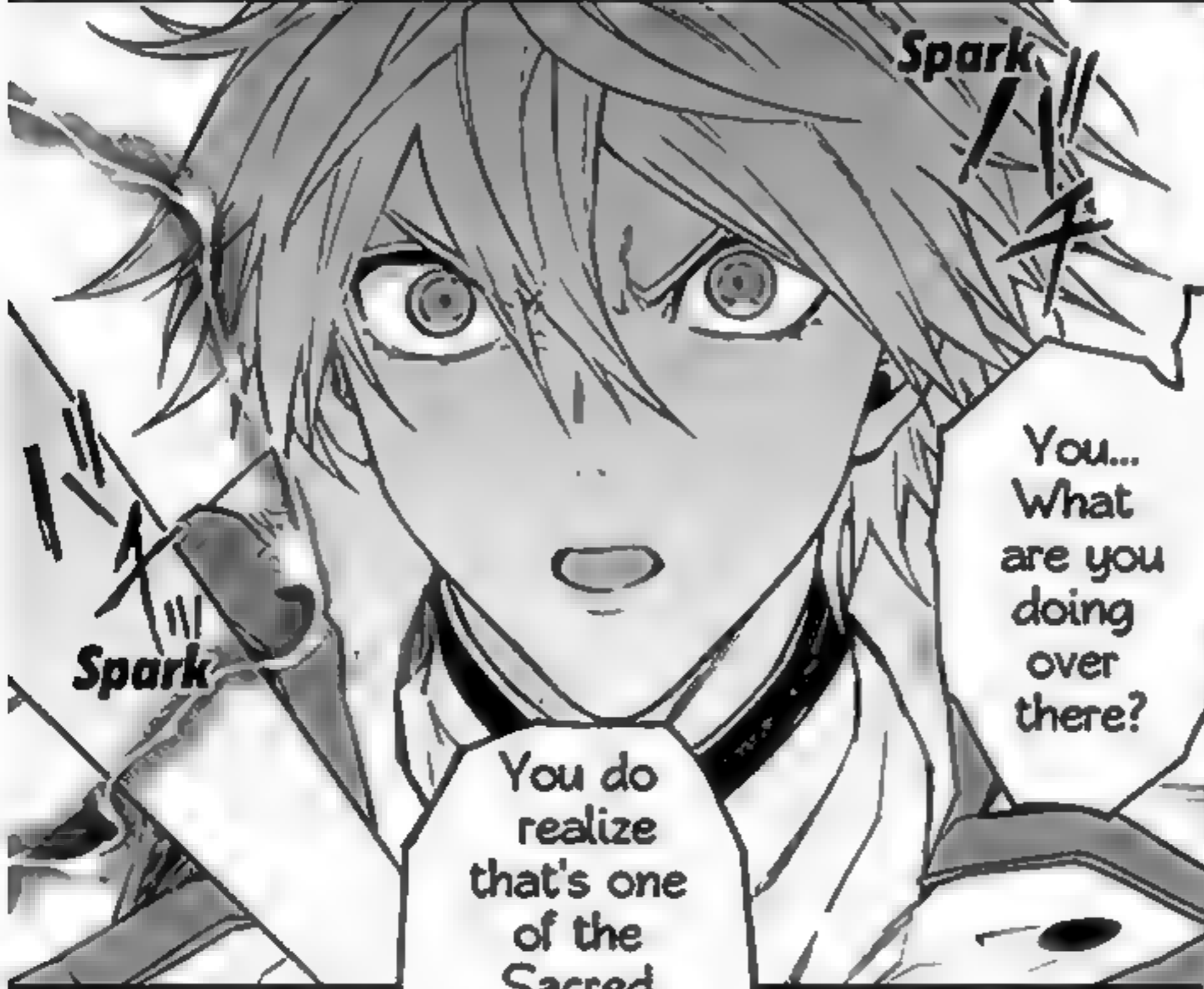


...It's about time, I guess.



I'll grab what I need and make a run for it today.

If I'm gonna pull this off, better sooner than later...



You do realize that's one of the Sacred Treasures, the Fireseal, don't you?

You... What are you doing over there?

Sol!

Clock

Snatch

Spark

Spark





I'm just borrowing it for a bit.



Do you really think I'd allow that?

Clash



Clink

Clink

Clang

Clang

Clang



Even though he's only some 15-year-old brat...

He's precise, and freakin' fast, too...



But...!



Boom



Ugh ...!

Crash



Grab



How classy of you.



Crash



Hah!!



Proh...



Bang

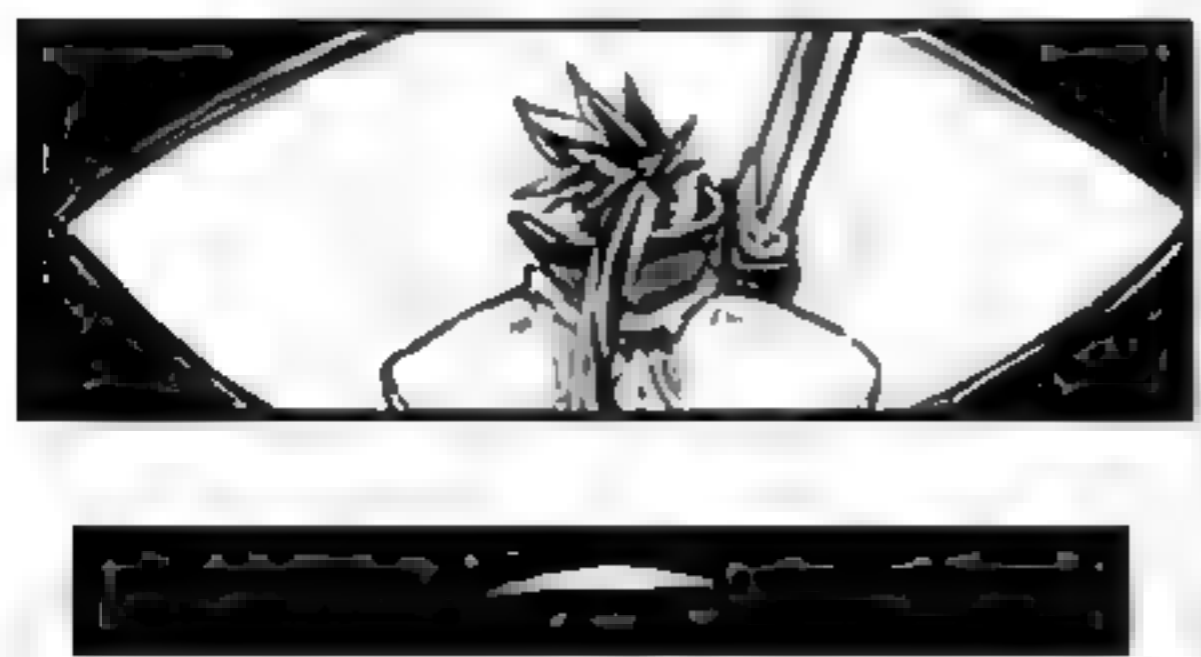


Sol

Slide



See ya, kid!



Sol
...
!

Wait.

Chapter 2

The Crusades

The Crusades wage on. Mankind has slowly taken the upperhand thanks to the work of the Sacred Order of Holy Knights. The strongest Gear, the destructive force Justice, appears before them at last.



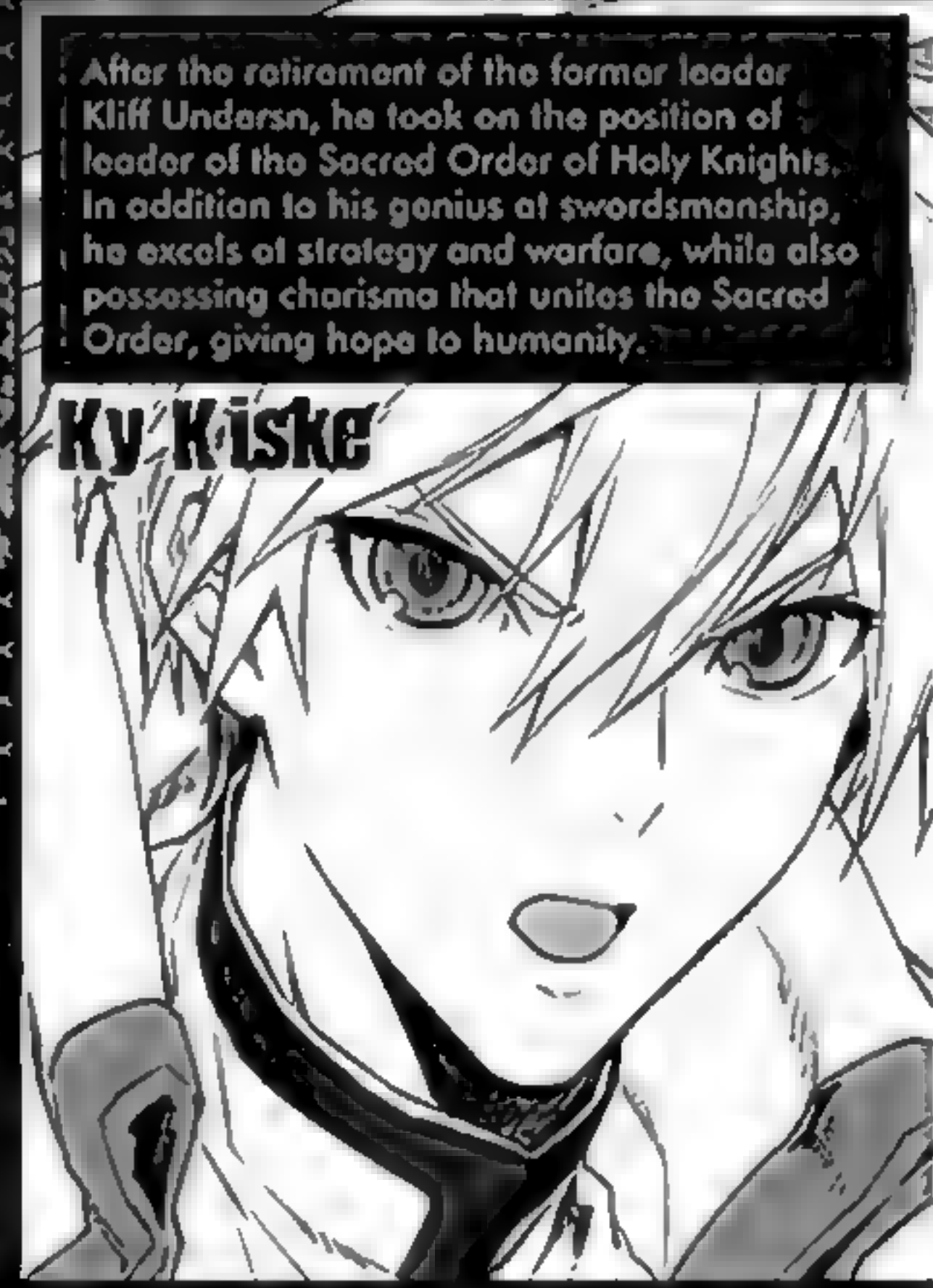
Sol Badguy

He works as a bounty hunter, journeying day after day in order to hunt down Gears on his own. His goal is to execute revenge on "That Man"...



Justice

The first Gear to show a will of her own. She has the ability to command all other Gears, and set them against mankind, causing the Crusades.



After the retirement of the former leader Kliff Undersn, he took on the position of leader of the Sacred Order of Holy Knights. In addition to his genius at swordsmanship, he excels at strategy and warfare, while also possessing charisma that unites the Sacred Order, giving hope to humanity.

Ky Kiske

Several years later...



AD 2175

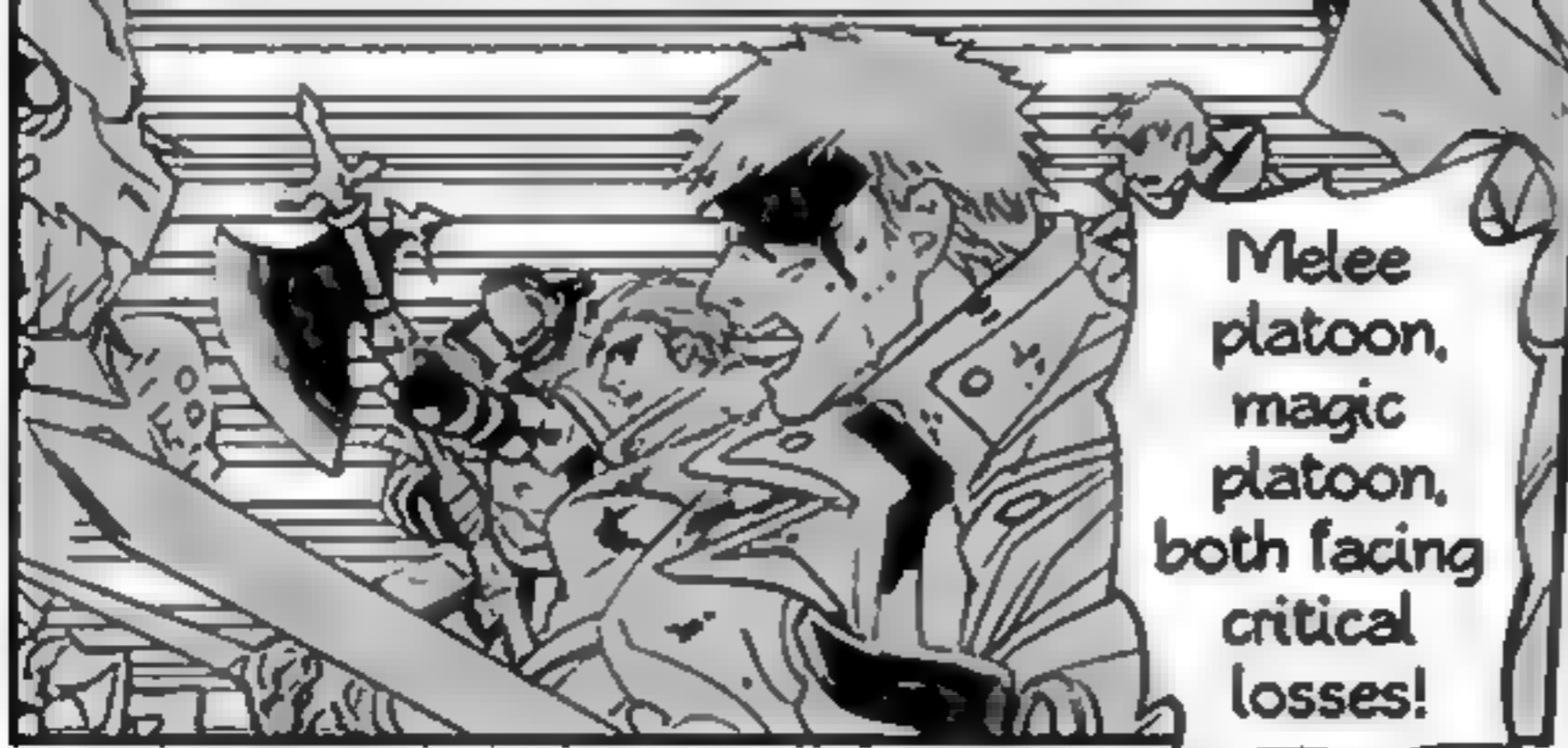


.....



It's close...
So, it's almost time.





Melee
platoon,
magic
platoon,
both facing
critical
losses!

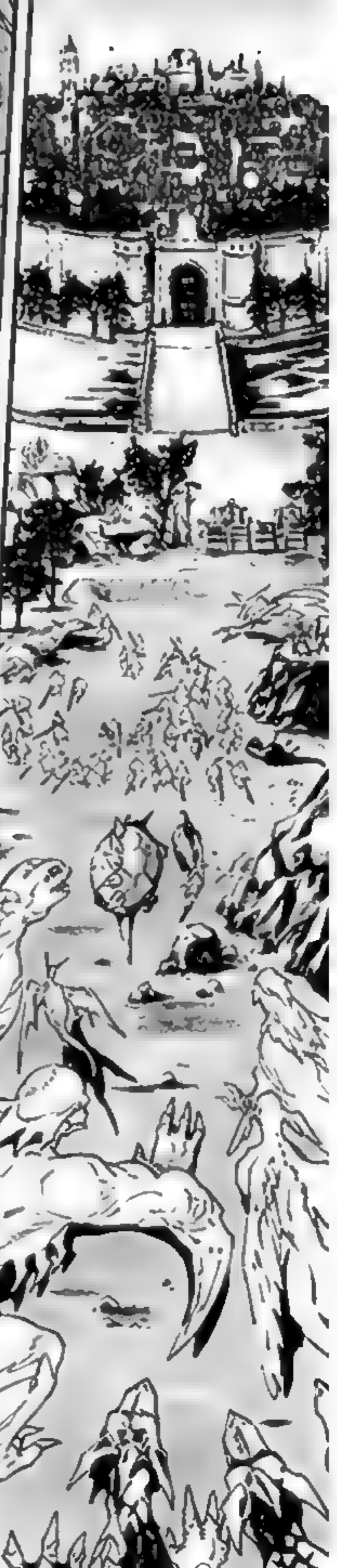


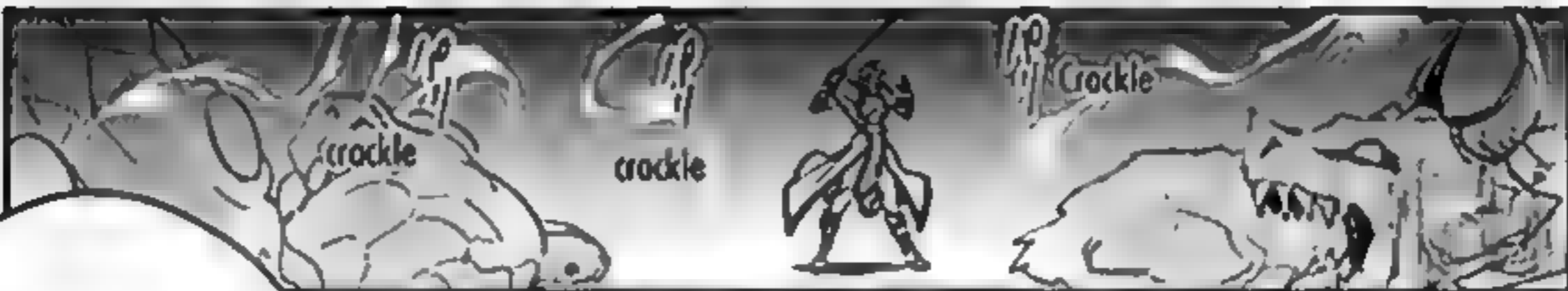
The magic
support
platoon's
defensive
seal
has been
broken!

At this
rate,
our
brigade's
defeat is
inevitable!



Is
this
where
it
ends...?





Sorry
I'm late.

Leader
!!



Honorable
Holy
Knights!!

Rise up!!

HOPE

Yeeeahh!





**Ride
The
Lightning**

!!



We can do this ...

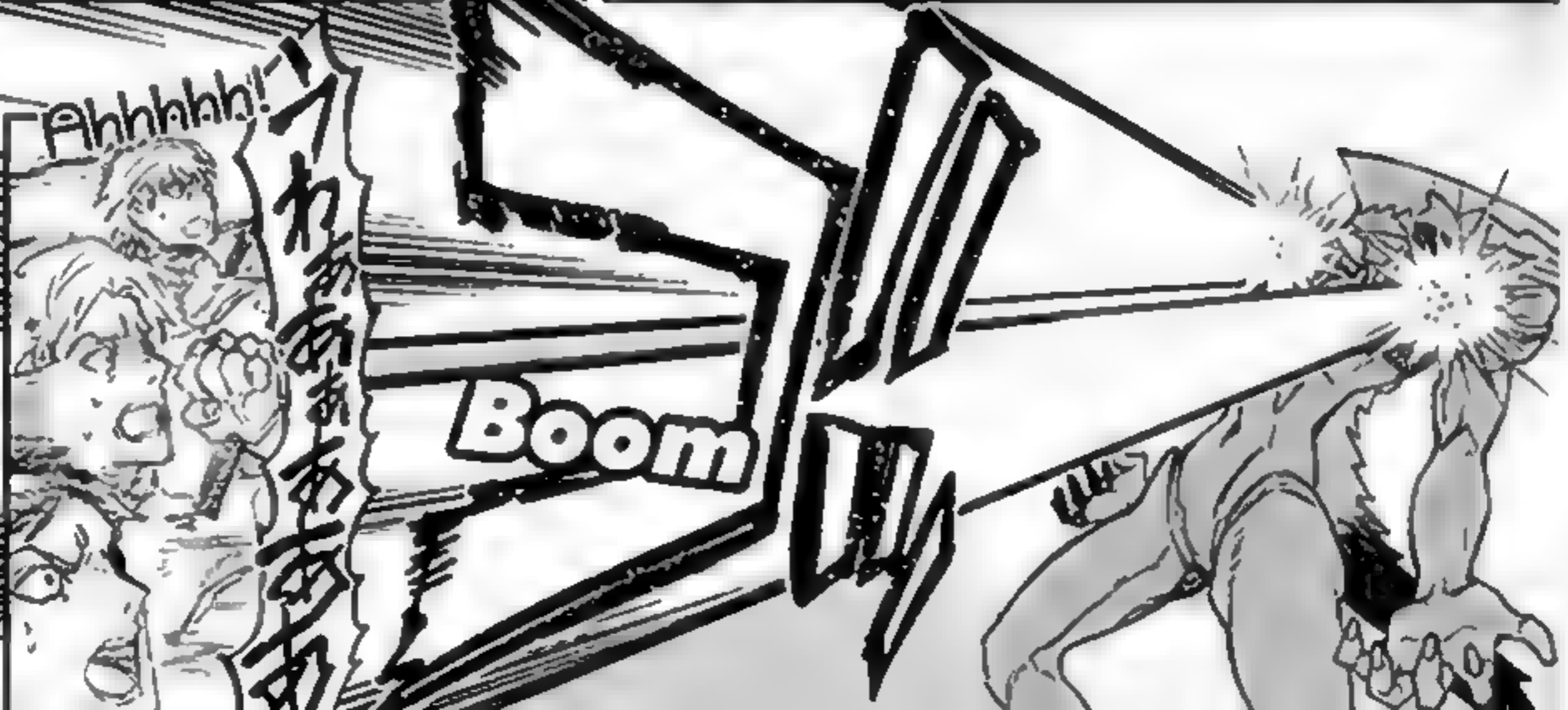
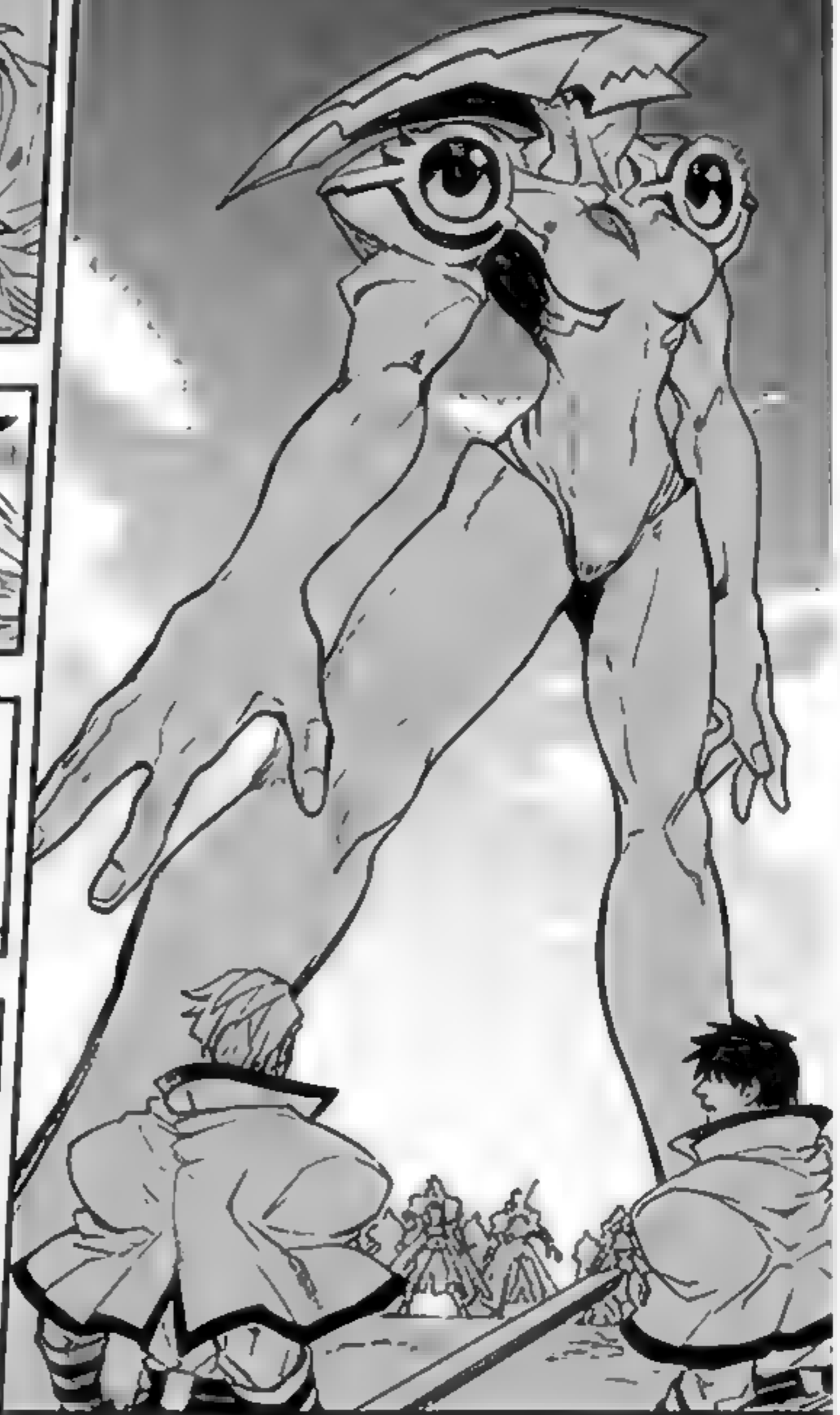


Let's advance ...



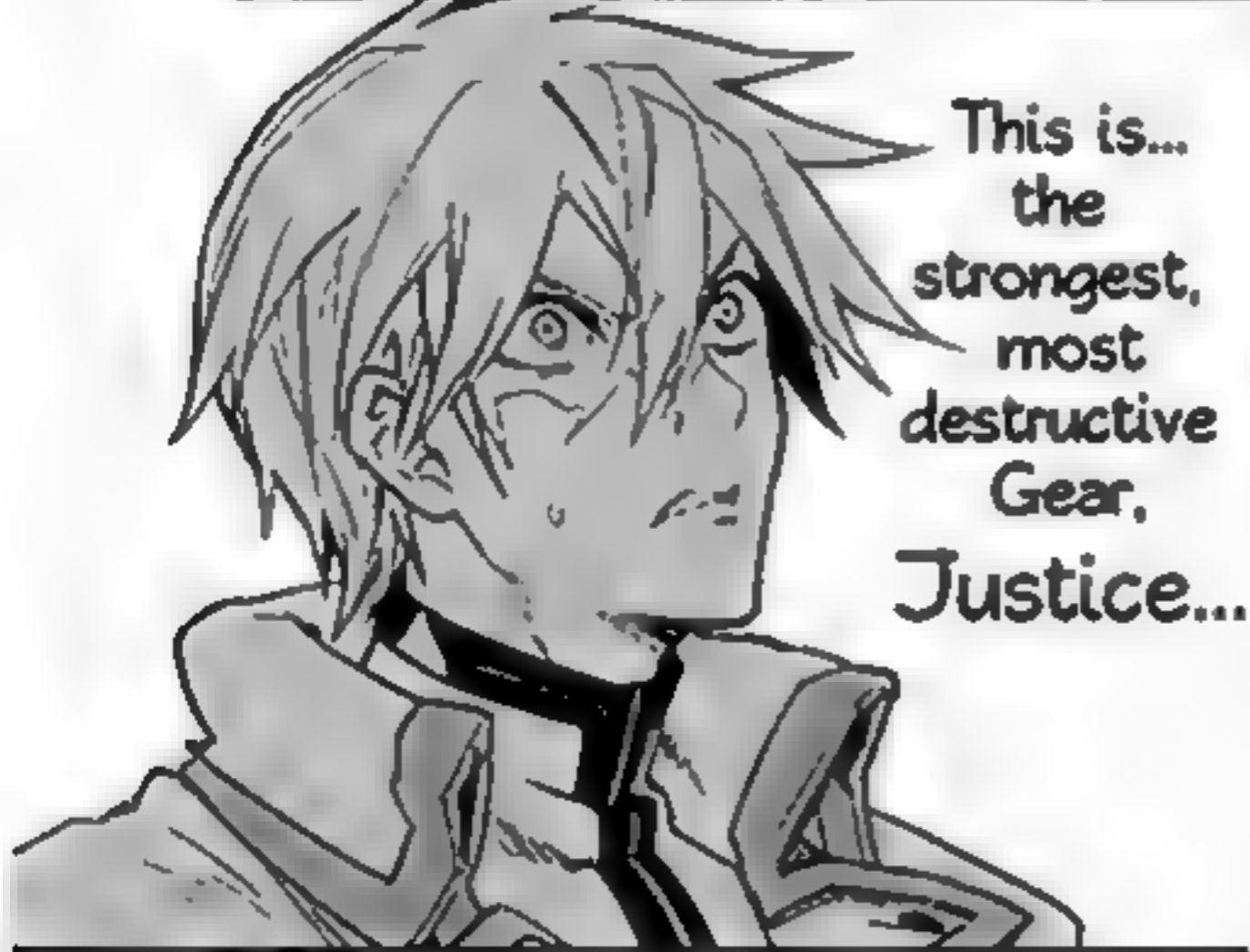
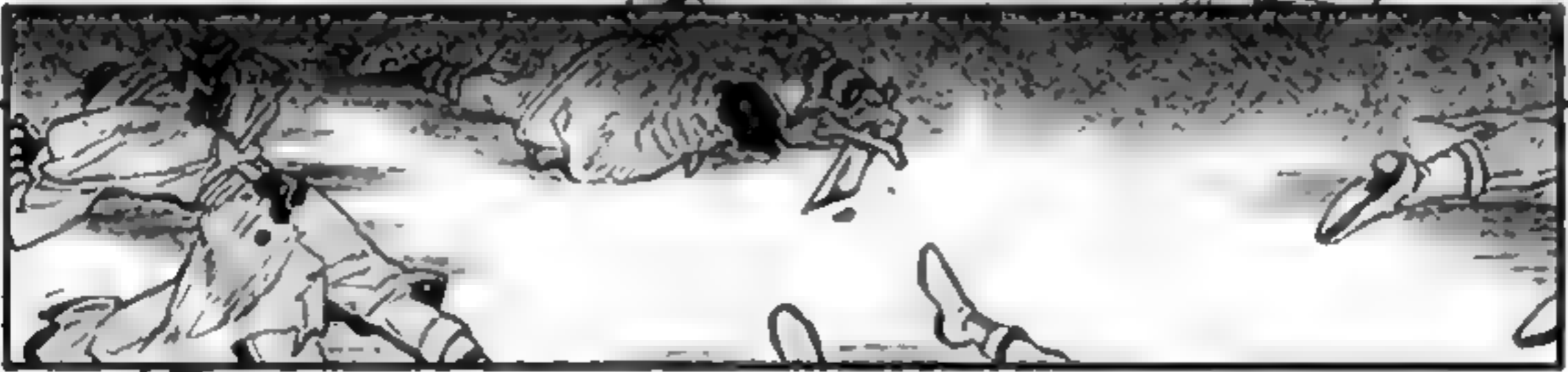


All
troops,
retreat
at
once...!

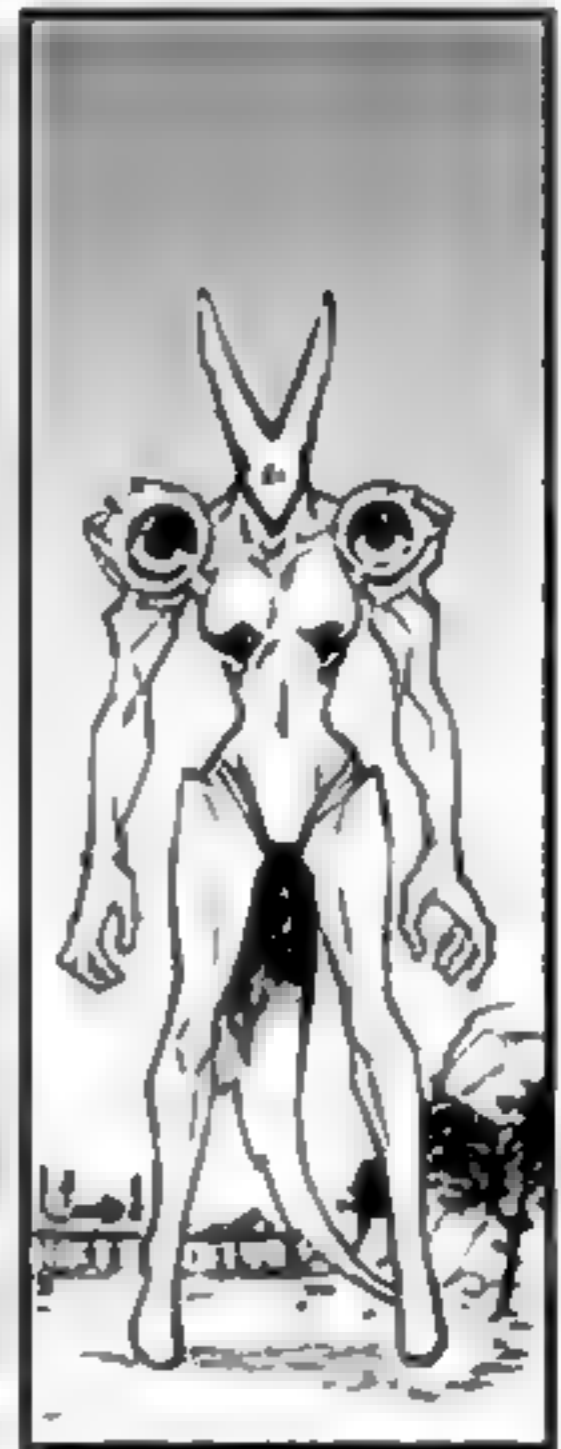
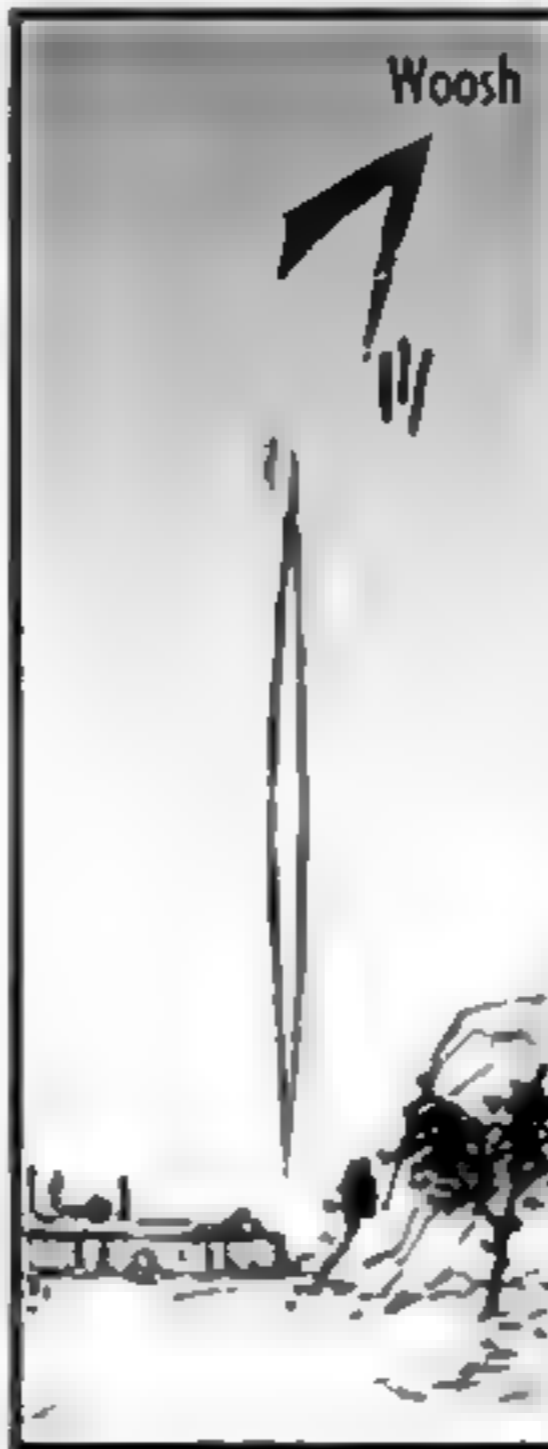


Ahhhhh!

Boom



This is...
the
strongest,
most
destructive
Gear,
Justice...



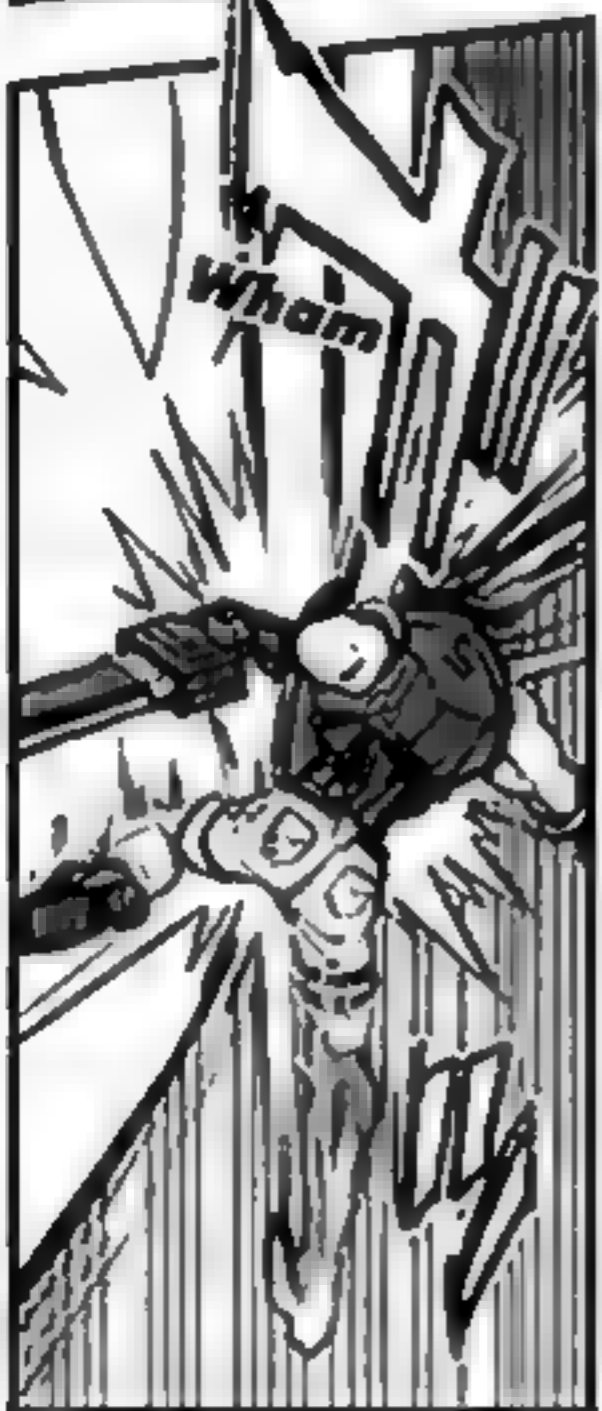
For now,
we shall
retreat
and recover
our
position!







Dodge



Wham



Clash



Woosh



Volcanic

Viper!!

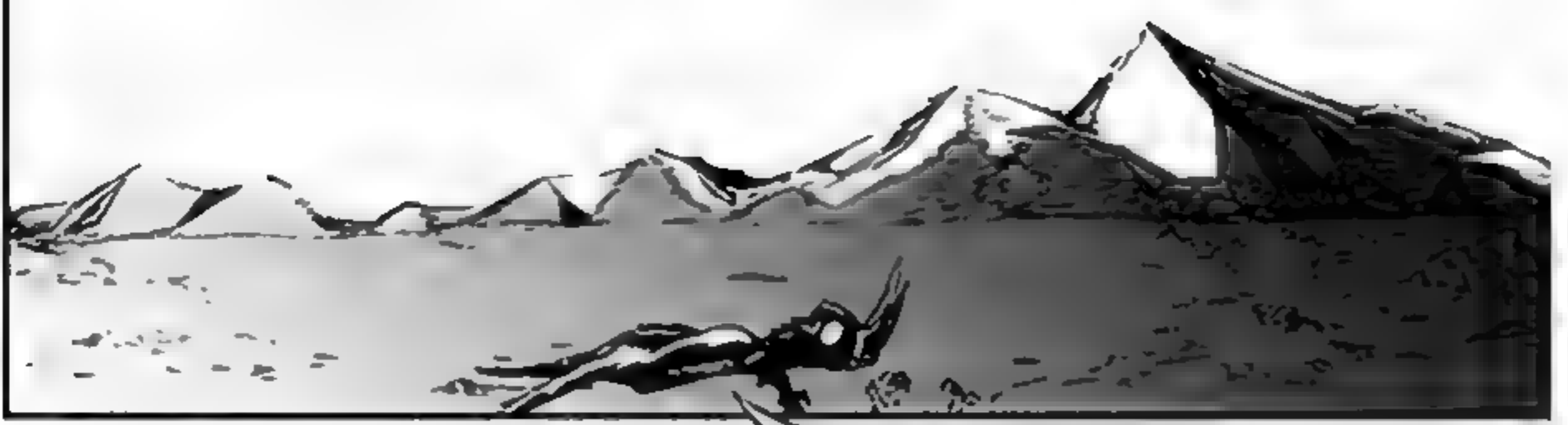




...
See
ya.

FREE

Voom



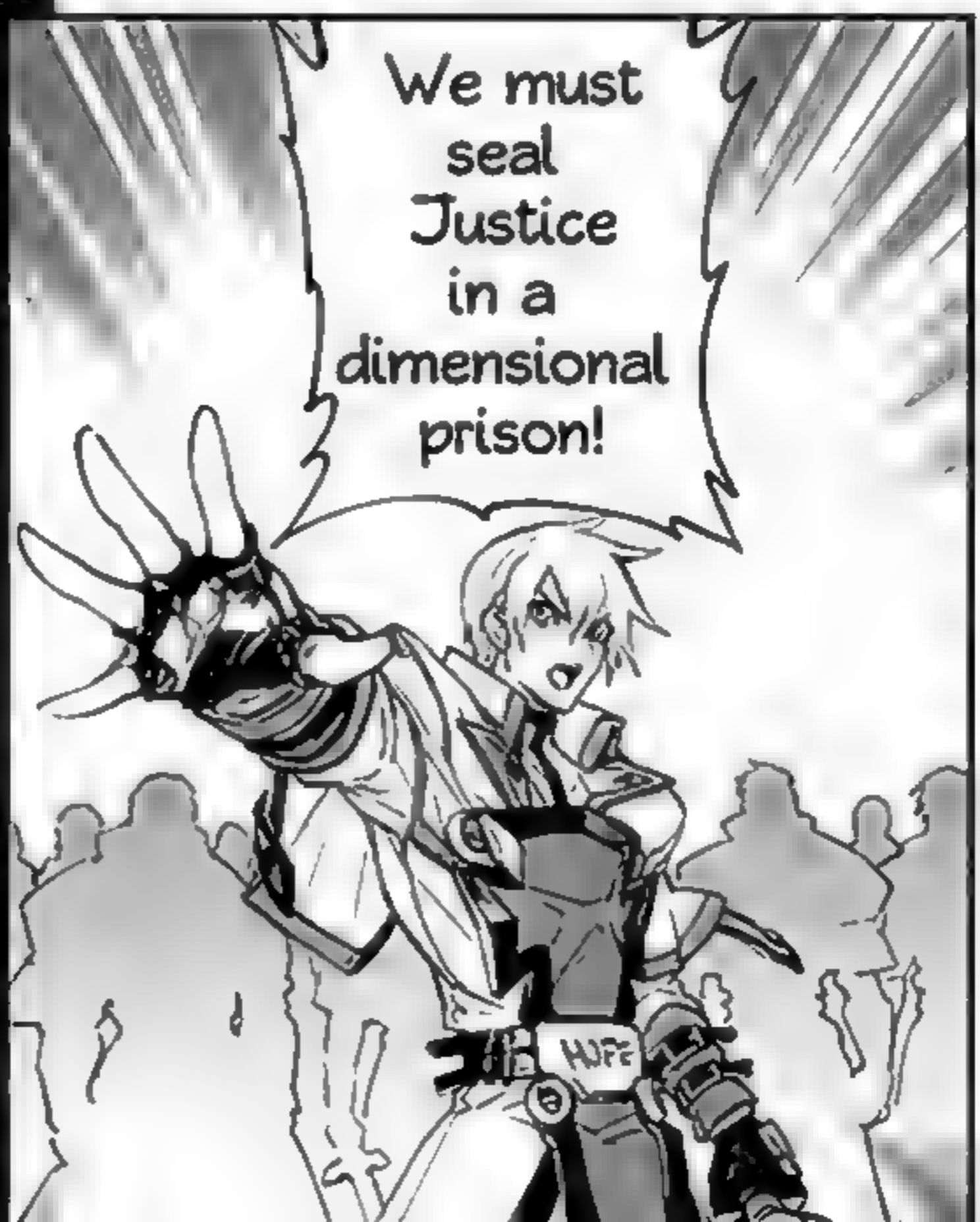


These marks look like they were melted by extreme heat...



All magic support platoons, come forward!

And so, after 100 years, the curtains closed on the Crusades.



We must seal Justice in a dimensional prison!

Chapter 3

GUILTY GEAR

After a hard battle, Justice was sealed in a dimensional prison thanks to the efforts of Sol and the Sacred Order of Holy Knights. The peace does not last long, however. An unknown force works secretly to revive Justice.



Sol Badguy

Sol continues to journey as a bounty hunter. However, the number of surviving Gears decreases year by year. His targets have shifted to human criminals. He then hears of the "Second Sacred Order of Holy Knights Tournament" being held. Finding it suspicious, Sol decides to join the tournament.



Testament

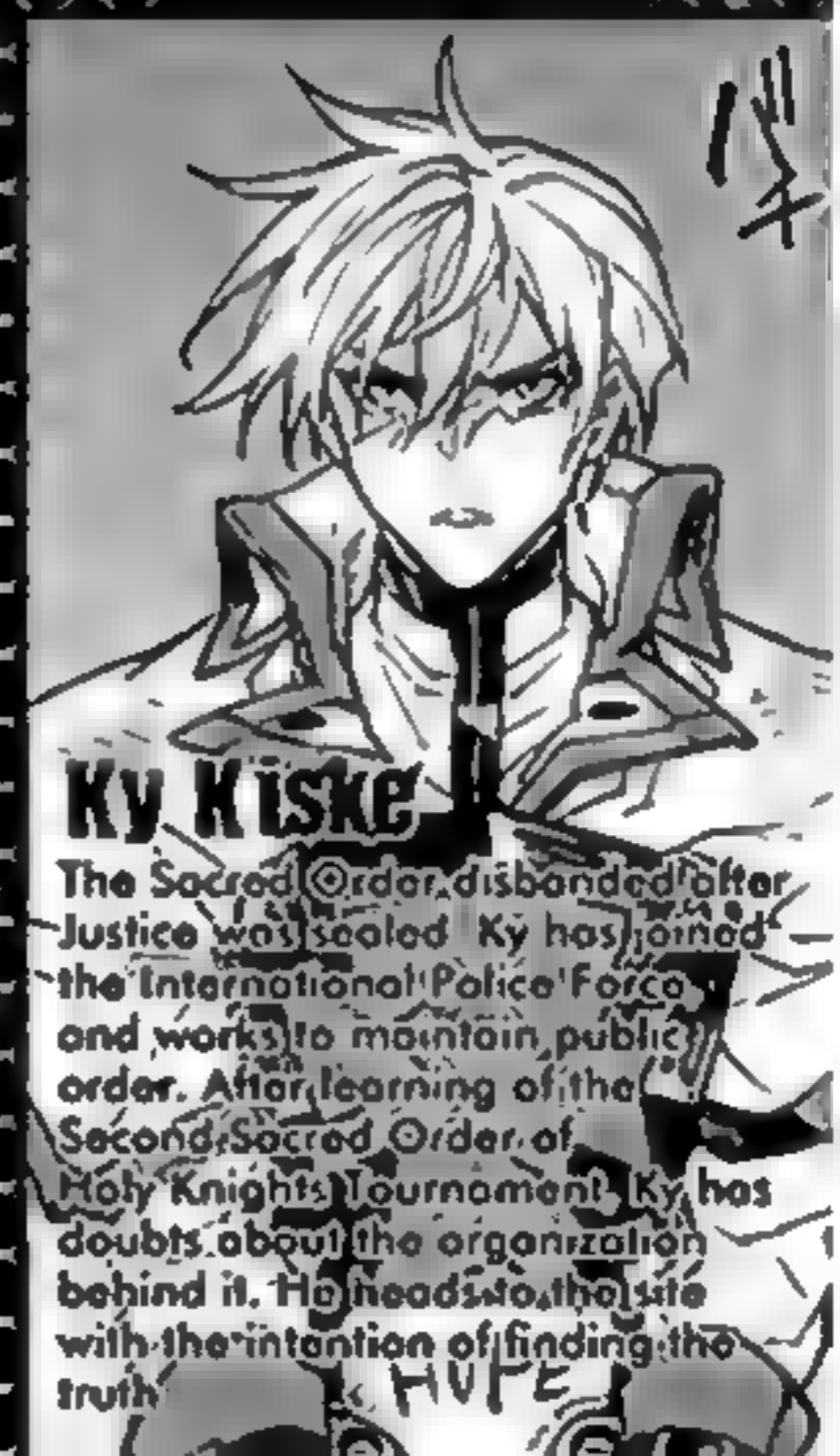
A semi-independent Gear developed as part of the strategy by Cordin developed country. Although he can make actions of his own, he can't escape from Justice's control. He works secretly with the Second Sacred Order of Holy Knights Tournament as a cover.



Justice

(Before Awakening)

The destructive force that once brought humanity to the brink of destruction. She's currently sealed in a dimensional prison, with almost all of her abilities frozen.



Ky Kiske

The Sacred Order disbanded after Justice was sealed. Ky has joined the International Police Force and works to maintain public order. After learning of the Second Sacred Order of Holy Knights Tournament, Ky has doubts about the organization behind it. He heads to the site with the intention of finding the truth.

HUPE



Axel Low

A former gangster born in England, he's an easy-going cheerful guy. One day, he suddenly started to slip through time, and has been wandering between eras ever since. His only ambition is to return to his original time and reunite with his girlfriend Megumi.



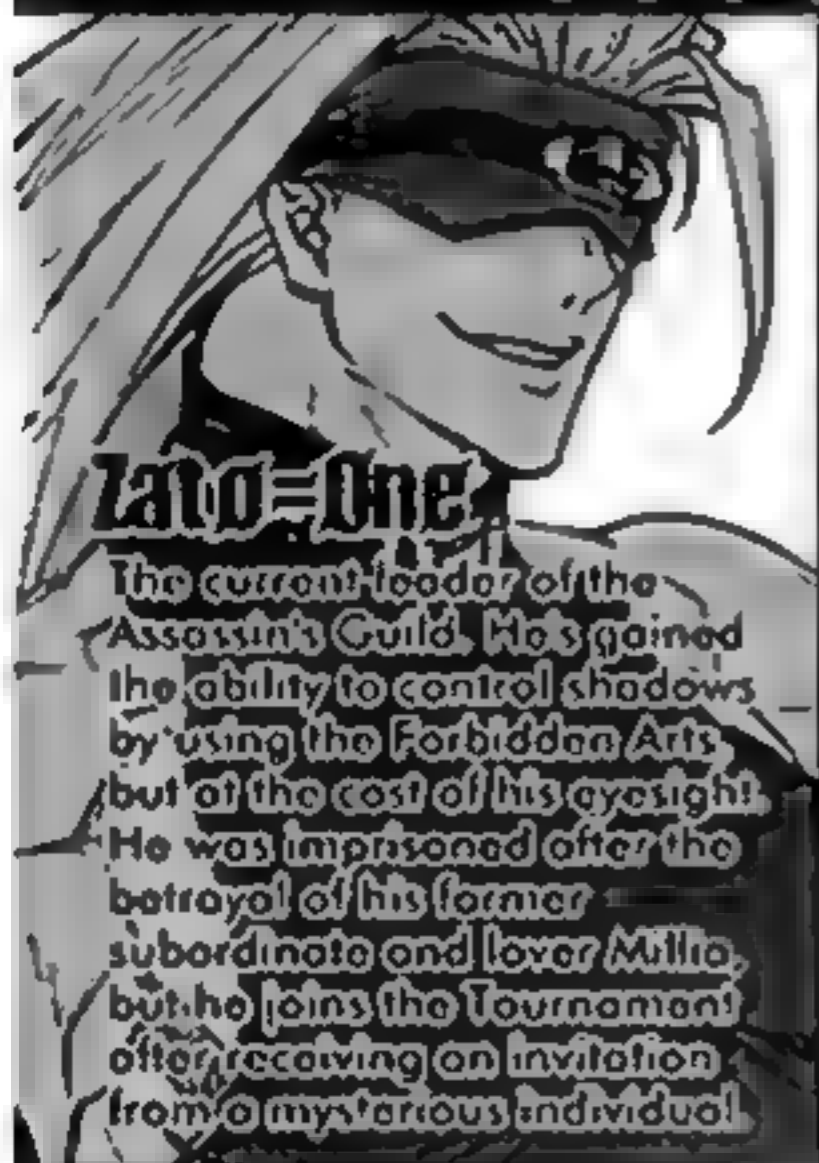
Chipp Zanuff

He was once a wanted criminal, until he met the ninja Tsuyoshi, who was also a Holy Knight, and was reborn. He's sworn revenge on the Assassin's Guild, which was responsible for the death of his master Tsuyoshi. He also is constantly working to become President in order to bring peace to the world.



Kliff Undersn

A hero who wields the Dragonslayer, a blade that can cut down even dragons, and the former leader of the Sacred Order of Holy Knights. So saved his life once in the past. He's Testament's adopted father, as well.



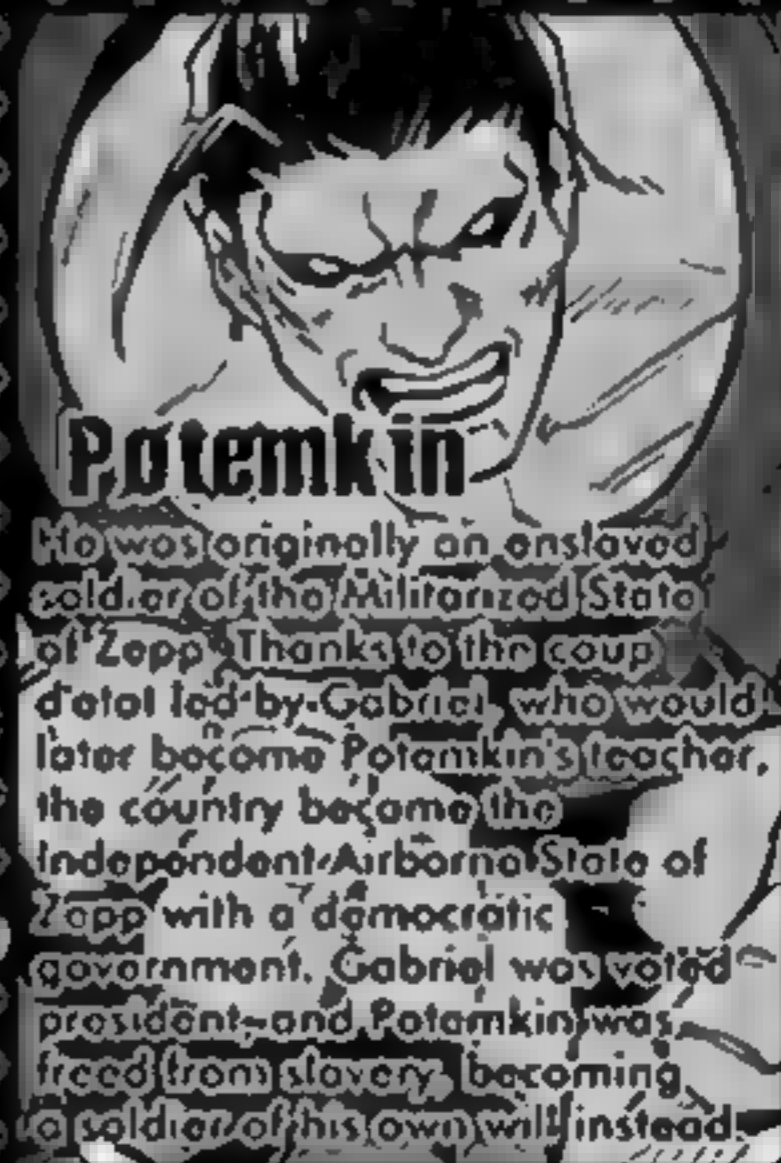
Zato-One

The current leader of the Assassin's Guild. He's gained the ability to control shadows by using the Forbidden Arts, but at the cost of his eyesight. He was imprisoned after the betrayal of his former subordinate and lover Milla, but he joins the Tournament after receiving an invitation from a mysterious individual.



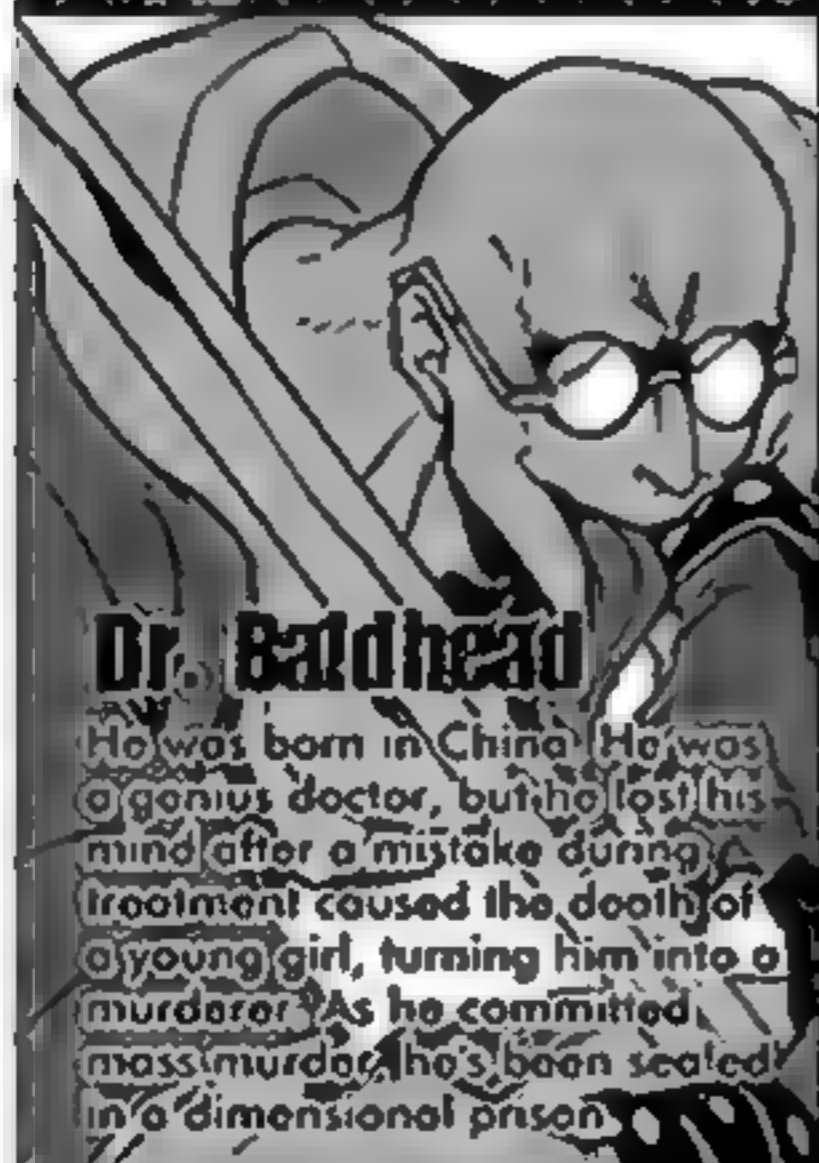
May

She's a war orphan, and one of the few surviving Japanese people. The noble thief Johnny found her, and has raised her as a member of the Jellyfish Pirates. Despite her cute looks, she's incredibly strong. She's head over heels for Johnny.



Potemkin

He was originally an enslaved soldier of the Militarized State of Zepp. Thanks to the coup d'etat led by Gabriel, who would later become Potemkin's teacher, the country became the Independent Airborne State of Zepp with a democratic government. Gabriel was voted president, and Potemkin was freed from slavery, becoming a soldier of his own will instead.



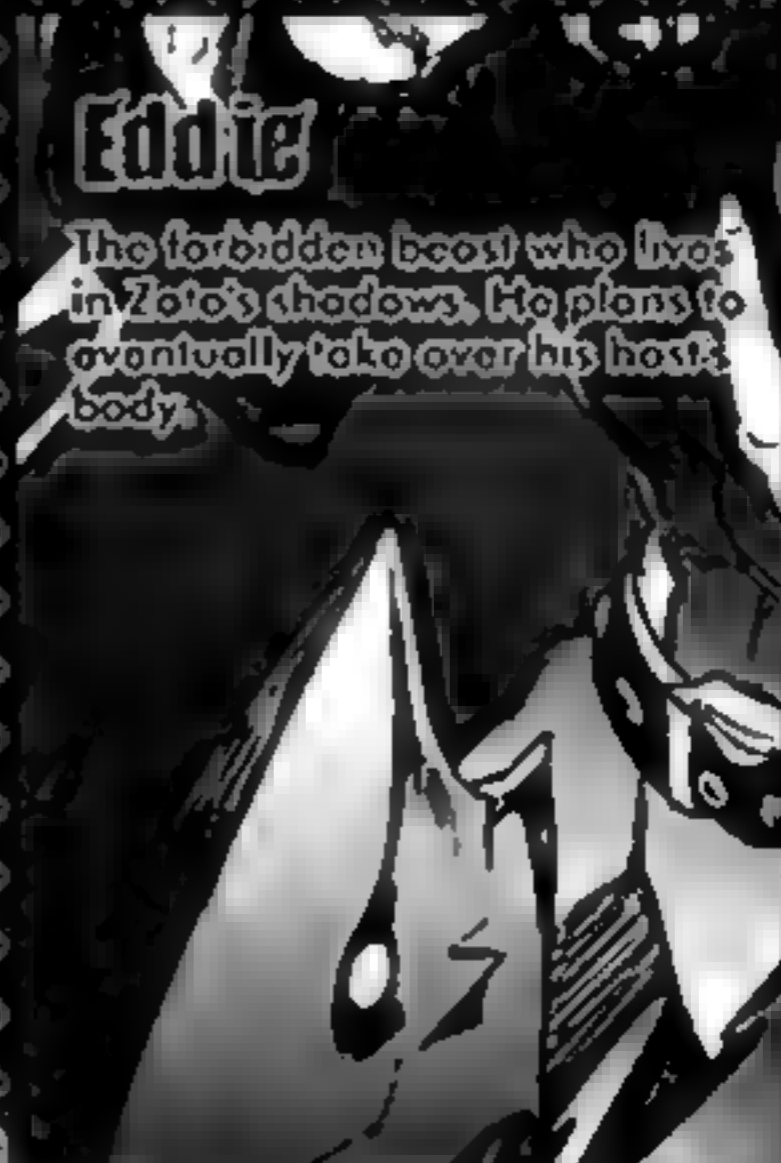
Dr. Baldhead

He was born in China. He was a genius doctor, but he lost his mind after a mistake during treatment caused the death of a young girl, turning him into a murderer. As he committed mass murder, he's been sealed in a dimensional prison.



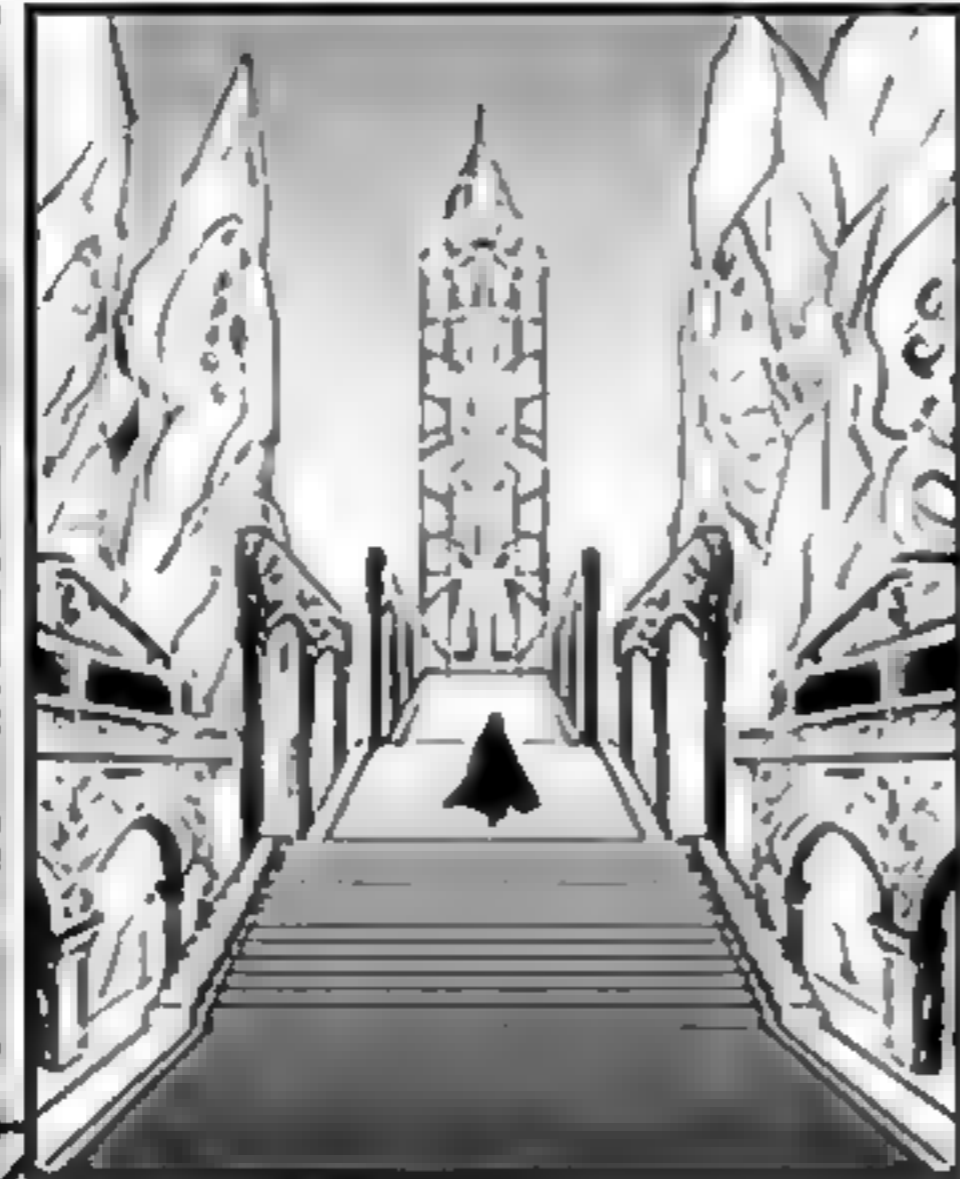
Milla Rage

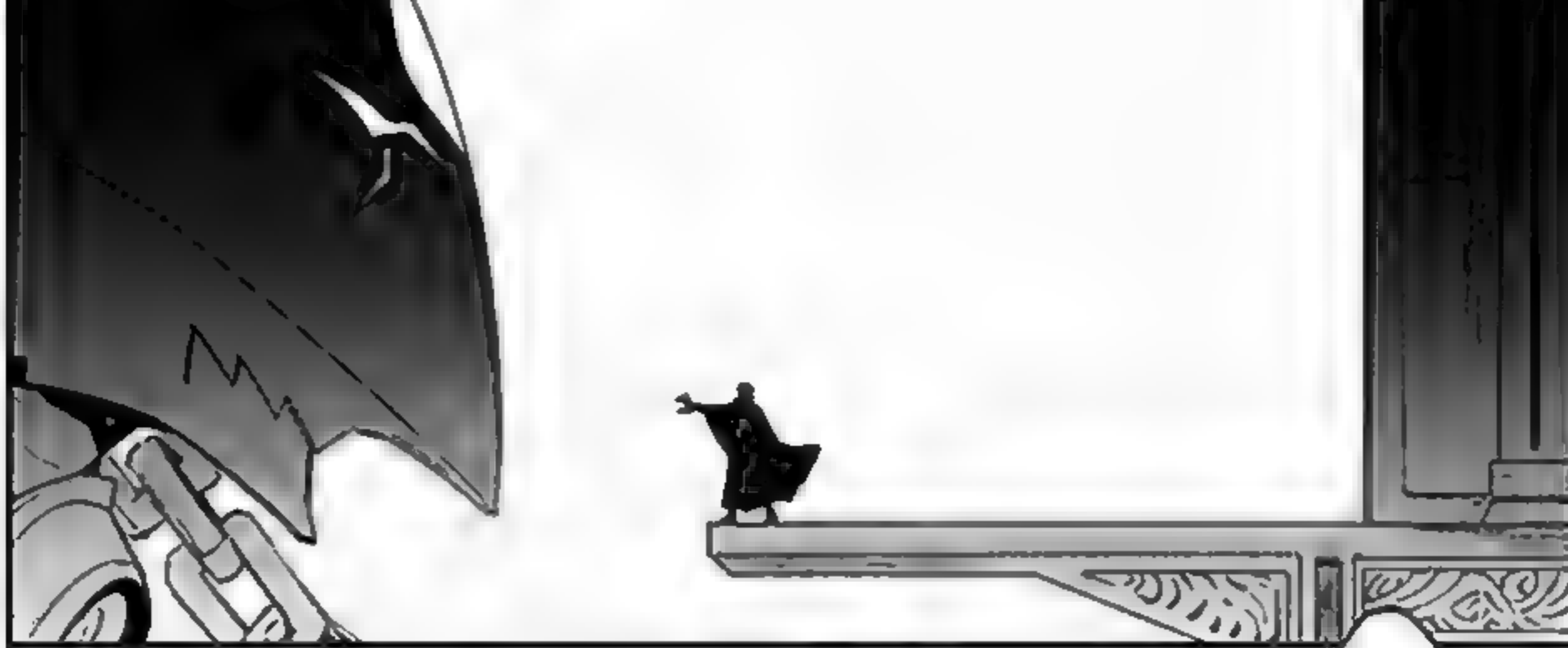
Born in Russia, she was orphaned and then picked up by the Assassin's Guild. She's silent and cool. A forbidden curse resides in her hair, allowing her to freely control it. She loves cats.



Eddie

The forbidden beast who lives in Zato's shadows. He plans to eventually take over his host's body.





Soon you
will be free
of this
loathsome
prison...

Ah
...

Hold on
just a
while
longer...

Ha
ha
ha
ha
...!

Ha
ha
...

My
master
...!



Hmph.
Guess I'll
turn you in
and take
the bounty.



I'll tell you
something
good,
so let me off
the hook
this time!



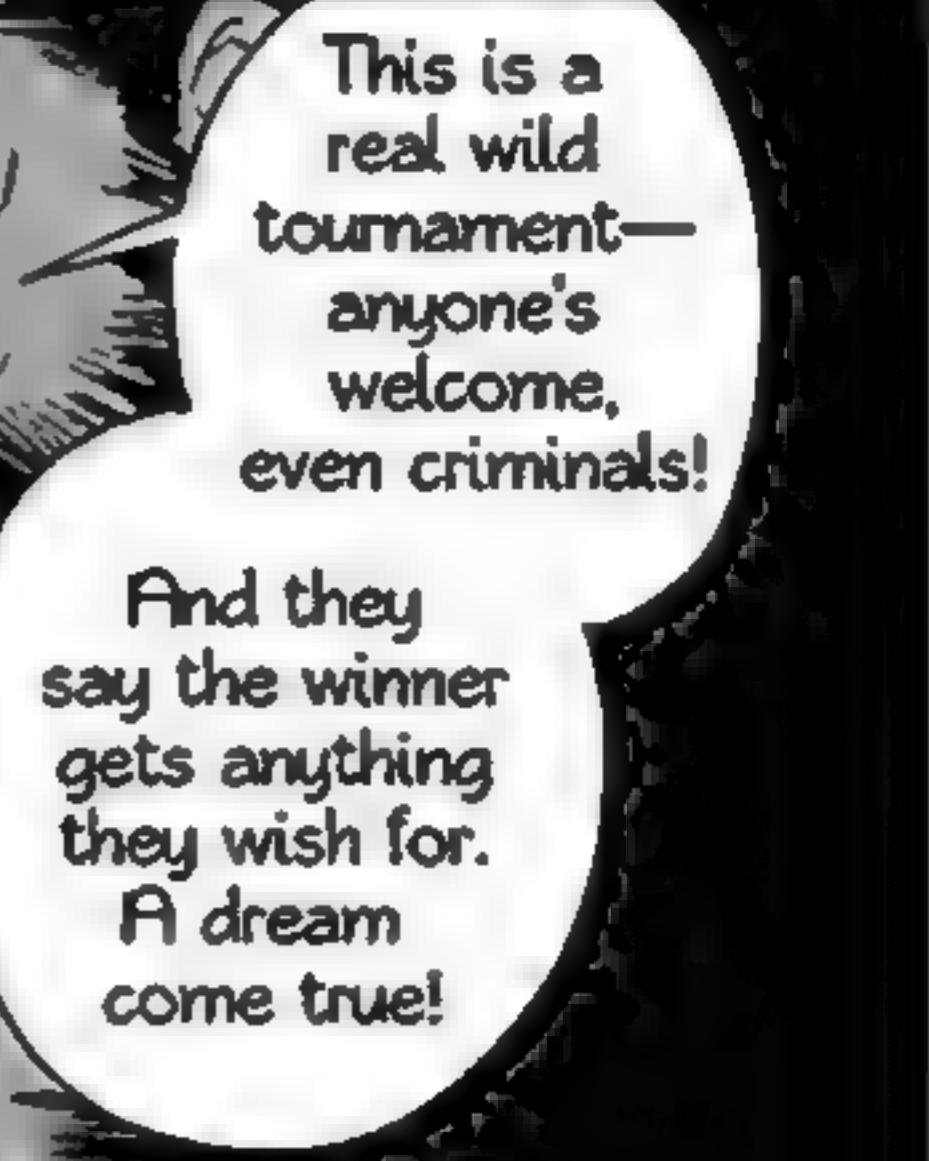
Hey hey hey,
hold on
a second!



The Second
Order of
Holy Knights
Tournament?



With your
skills,
you can win
for sure,
man!



This is a
real wild
tournament—
anyone's
welcome,
even criminals!

And they
say the winner
gets anything
they wish for.
A dream
come true!

Something's fishy about this...

I've felt her presence getting stronger, little by little...

What's he going on about...?

Heh! heh heh...

I listened half-heartedly to the man, lost in my thoughts.



Phew!

Oh, right.

You'll look the other way, yeah?

I told you something good, right?

So, mister!

Medium, or well-done?

I'll let you choose, then.



The Day of the
Tournament

mürmür

Mürmur

Hardly
anyone
worth the
effort,
though.

Man,
that's
one hell of
a crowd...

Only a few
real
contenders,
I'd guess.

Woah!

You're
huge!





This won't be a walk in the park.

Some of these guys are gonna be trouble...



Crack

Tch. What a pain in the ass...



Let's go ahead and start the tournament!

Thank you for joining us here today, everyone.

The last person standing is the victor!

There are no rules whatsoever.

?

Smirk

Gyaaaah!

Buzz

Smack

Wooaahh

???

Ugh!

Nothing too complicated, eh? I like it.

Heeeeeey!

Gah!

Smack!



Mr. Dolphiin!

Wow! Wow!



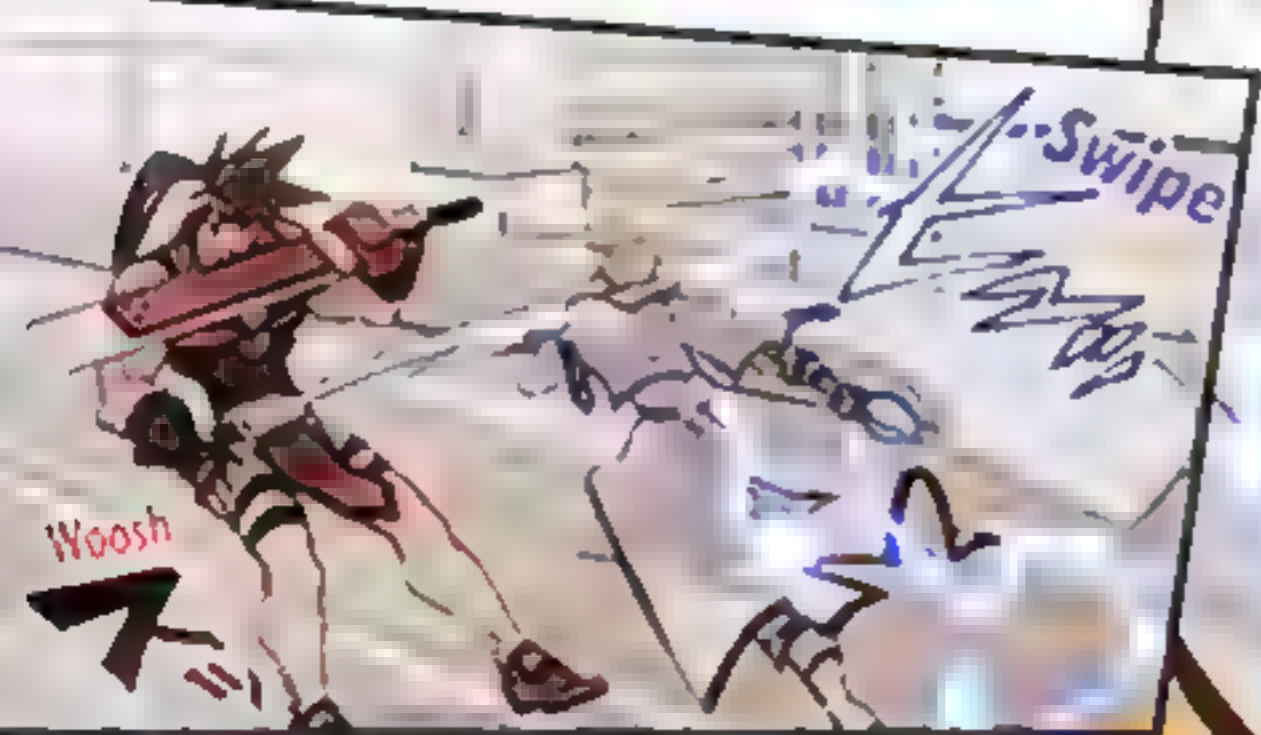


To have a moment of your time.
I'm glad for this chance ...





...Can't say no, I guess.



Woosh

Swipe



Clink



Bang



Sol!

Why are you holding back!?



Haven't you noticed that creepy stare?



Hmm..

So you noticed, did you...



Show us who you really are.



!?



You done screwing around?






I've collected plenty of blood and malice...



I set up this tournament in order to resurrect my master ...



I need... one more person's blood...!



But, it's not enough...



Swoosh



You can watch the feast from in there.

Now,

Woosh

Your blood shall mark the glorious revival of my master!

That's heavy...



Dash



Gun

Flame!

Boosh



Tch



Roar



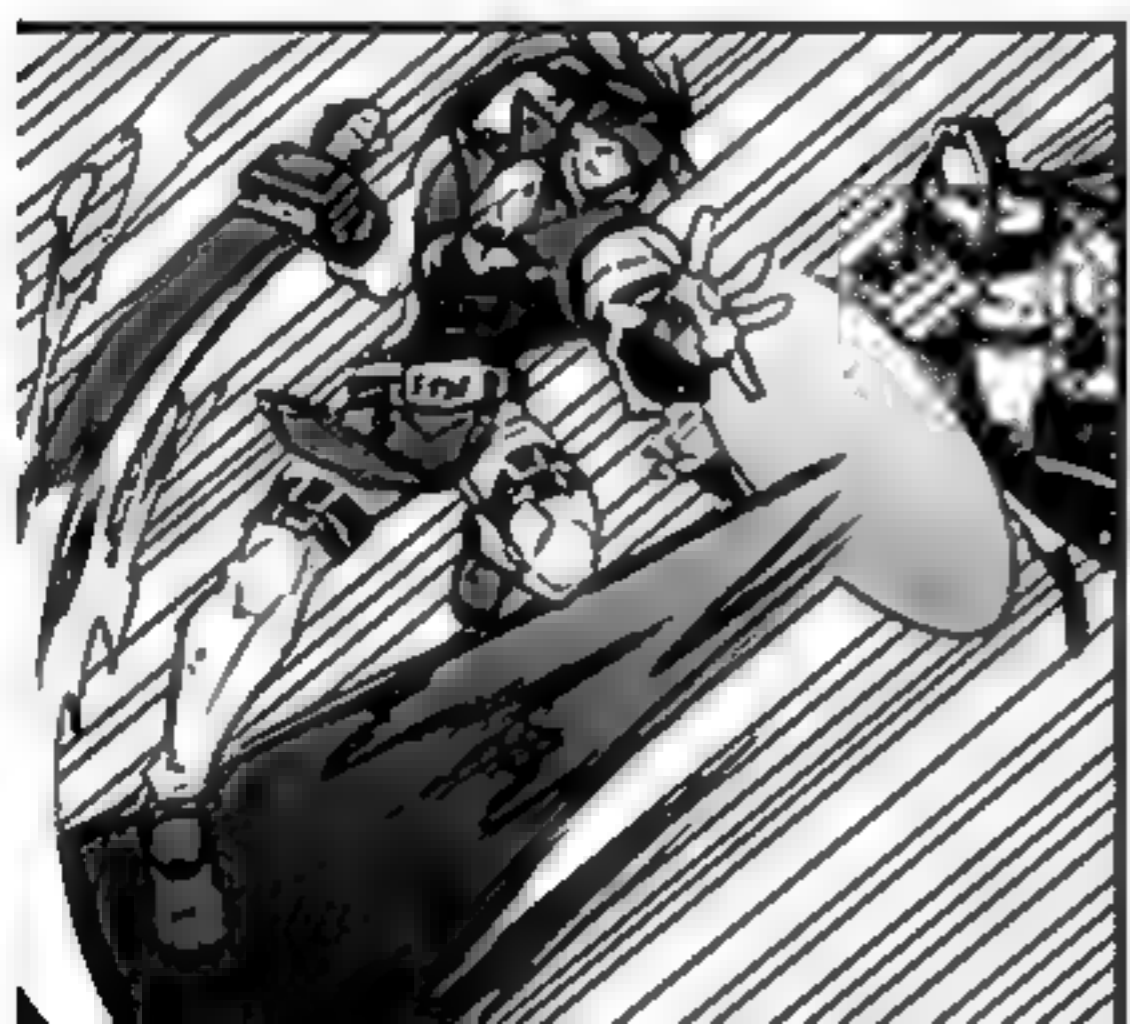
Sneak



Roar



Another one at 6 o'clock!
It's coming from beneath you!







I had wanted to offer her your blood, if I could. However...



I, as well, can become the sacrifice!



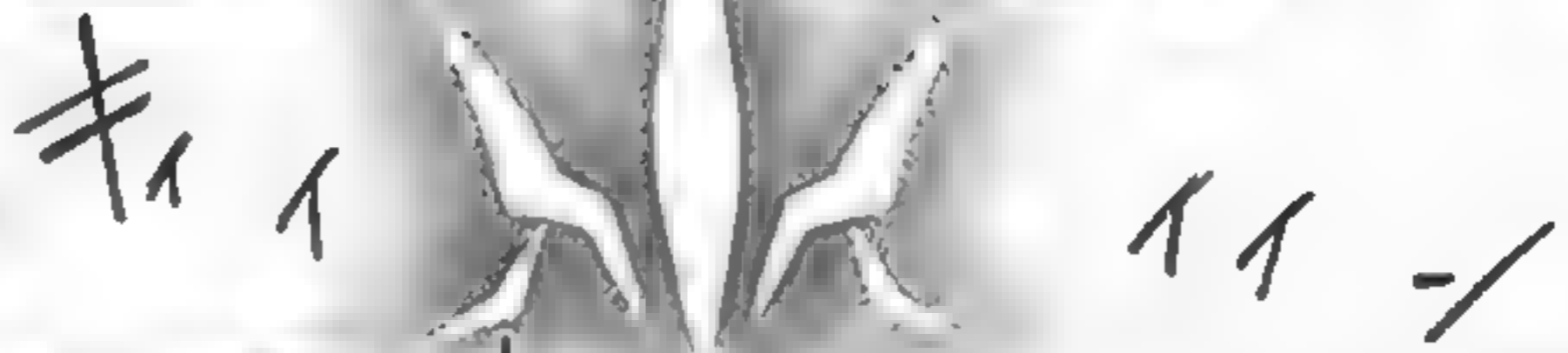
It's a pleasure to offer up myself for my master...!



Justice, my master!

Now, the time of revival is here!

Shiine



Looks like he wasn't kidding.



Spoorark



Give me a break ...

Sol! Could this presence be...





I'll put an
end to
this
right
here!



Why do you despise me so?



You are the root of evil that threatens peace!

Isn't it obvious !?



Ah... Swoosh...

When you, yourself, are human?


So you would call me "evil"...

Ha ha ha...

Was it not you humans who desired for me to become this?

What ?





I am merely fulfilling the fate given to me.

given to me as a Gear...

the correct, moral action

For me, that is

I was made to kill humans.



It's "justice."

And yet you still call me evil?



you
wiping out
humanity
for that
reason!?

Do you
expect me
to accept

Enough
deception
!



If you
intend to
disturb
someone's
quiet joy
and peace.

I will
protect
them
with
my life!



...
Hence
...!

I cannot
reject
what
I am.

.....

I will
fight
with all
I have!

Vooooooooom

So that
I can
live...






Alright...
Let's
settle
this
already.






Gears are evil.



Why?



Because they are the embodiment of mankind's sins.



That's why I must eliminate all Gears.



In that case, what about you?

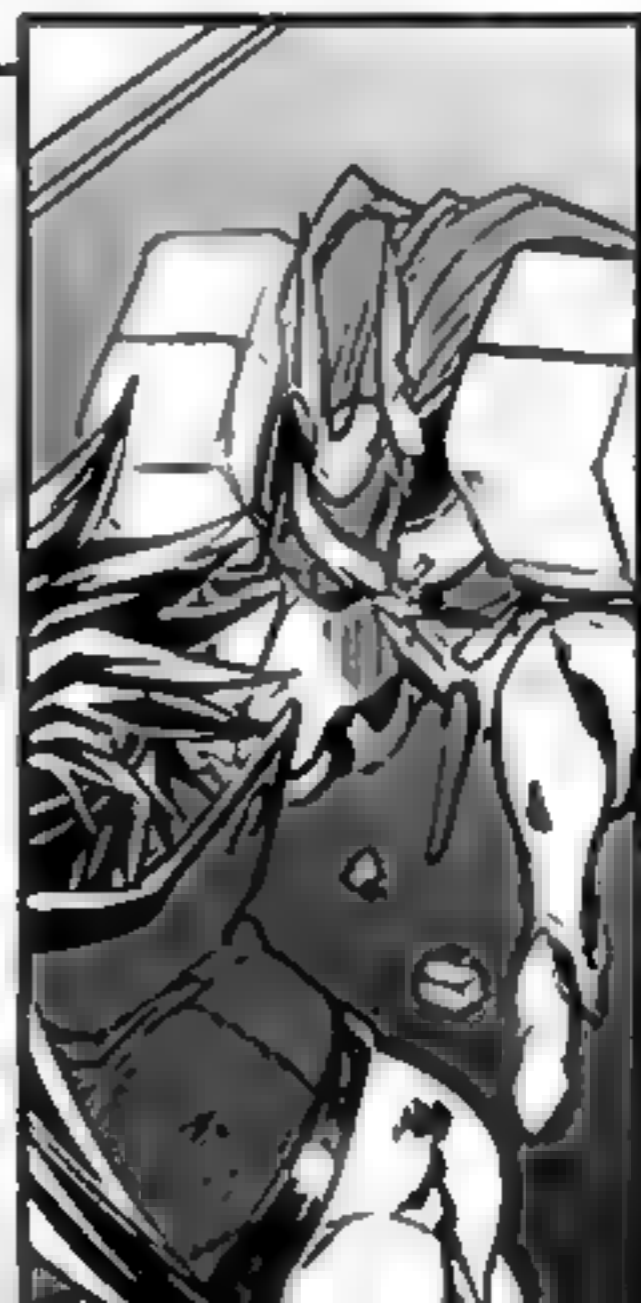


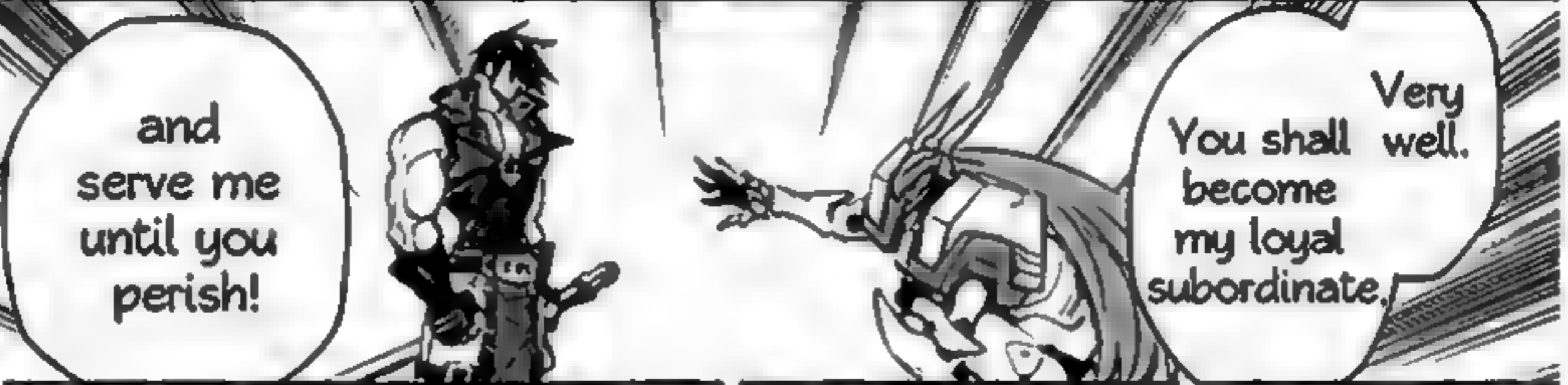
Which one are you?



Slice



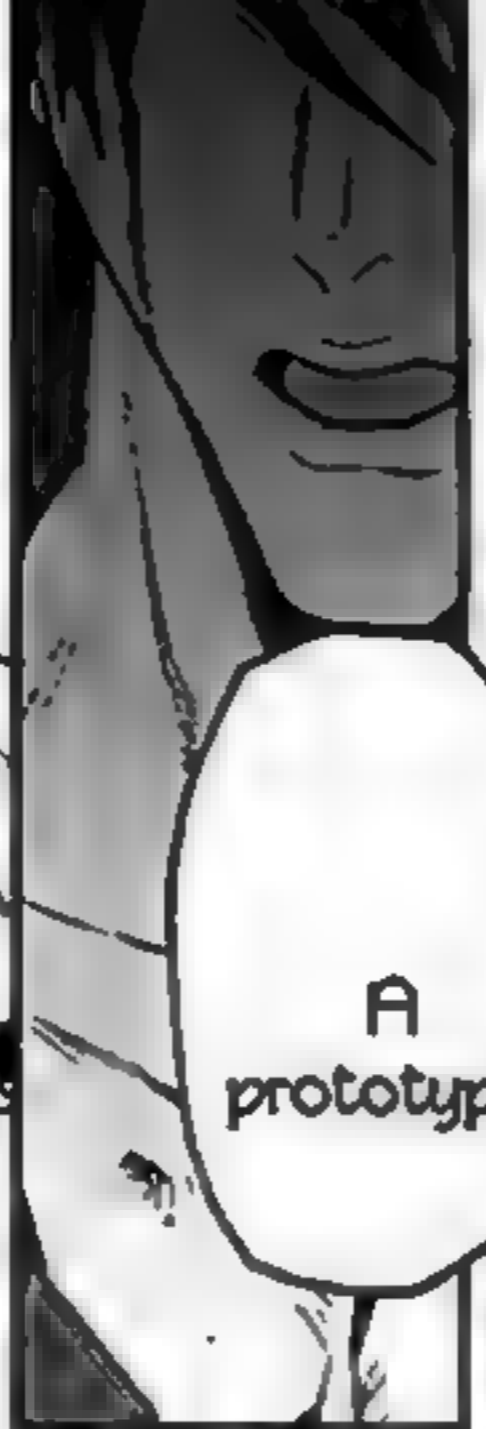






Crock

You never thought there might be a prototype?



A prototype...

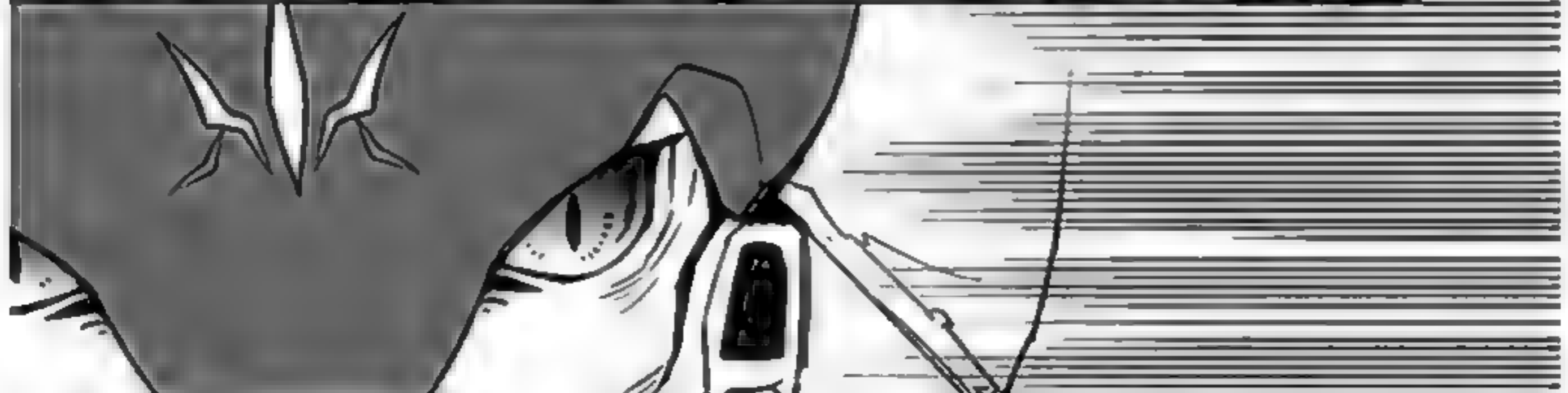


I am the first and complete Gear!

No Gear could disobey me.



What?



How sinful...
We both are...!



...
!



I see... So that's how it is.

Ha ha ha...



Vroooooom

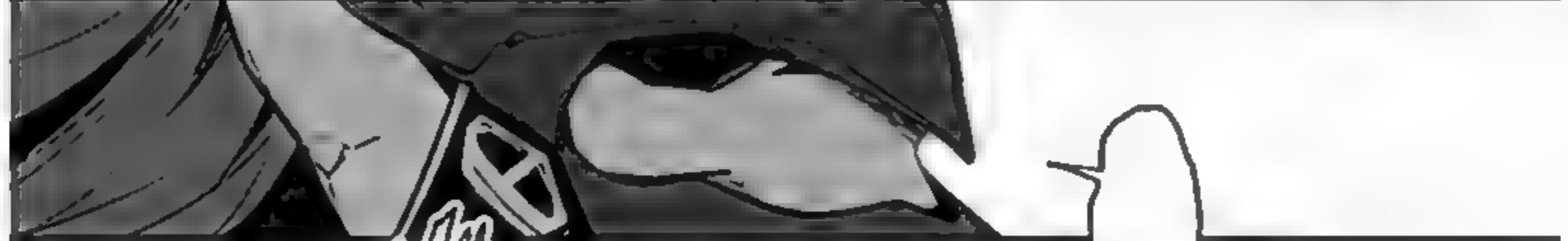


Woosh...



Dragon

Install!



And so,
leaving a question
in Sol's heart...



...!?

Hey

...

.....





Humanity
found
true peace
at last.



Chapter 4

Guilty Gear X

One year after the defeat of Justice, news comes out of a Gear who causing harm to people. Bounty hunters come after her due to the high bounty placed on her head. Sol and Ky both move to the scene.



Sol Badguy

He's taken down countless Gears. Most of them lacked reason, and he pursued them with no hesitation. This time, however...



Testament

He's been completely freed from Justice's control after her defeat, and now has free will.



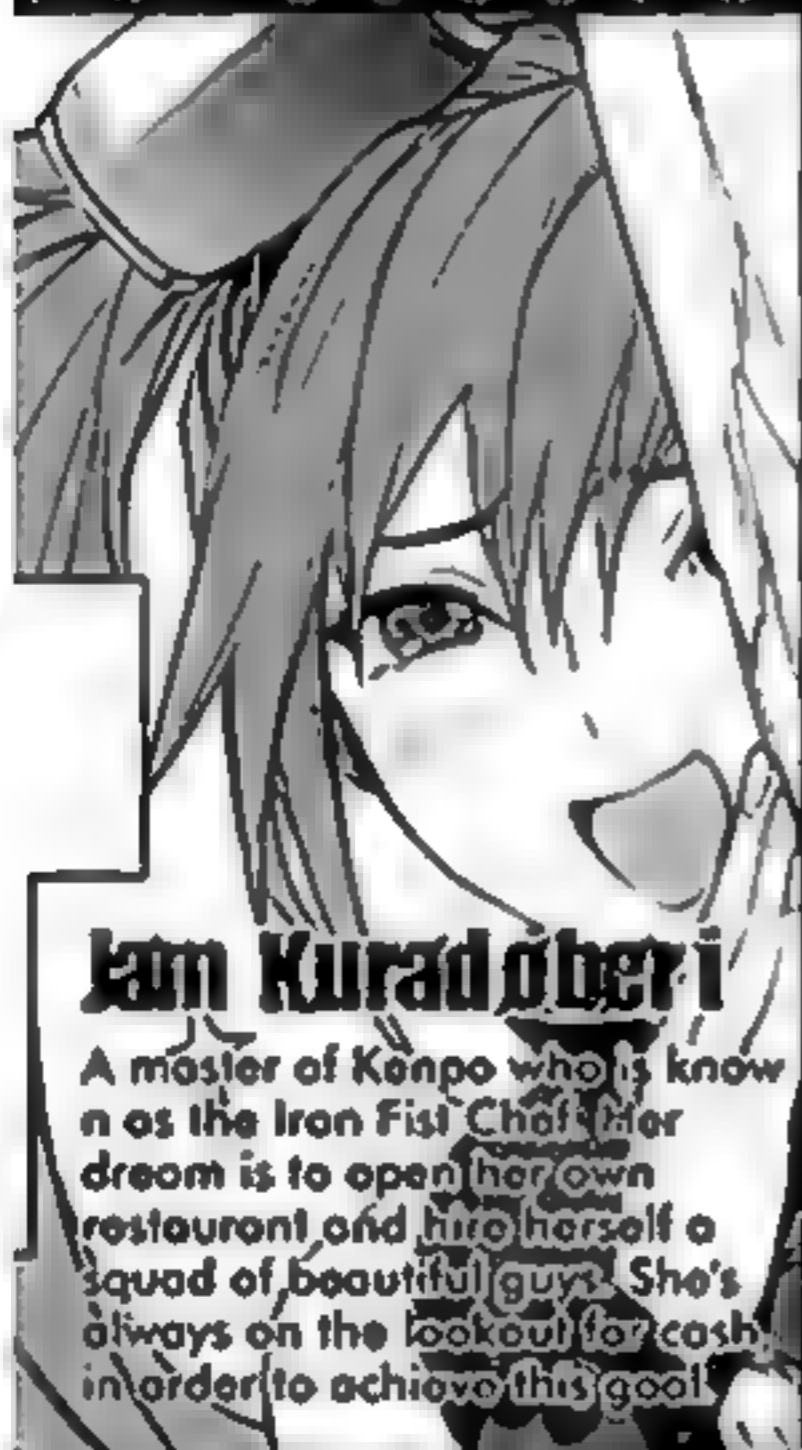
Ky Kiske

He's become director of the International Police Force. He heard of the fabled Gear living in the Forest of Demons a step ahead of the rest. He's gone to find the truth on his own.



Dizzy

A kind-hearted young half-Gear. As an infant, she was found and raised by an elderly couple. Her life was at risk after people noticed her irregular appearance. She ran from the crowds to live in the darkness deep in the forest, but is under attack from bounty hunters now.



Ian Kuradoberi

A master of Kenpo who is known as the Iron Fist Chef. Her dream is to open her own restaurant and hire herself a squad of beautiful guys. She's always on the lookout for cash in order to achieve this goal.



May

A war orphan and one of the few surviving Japanese people, she's a central member of the Jellyfish Pirates. And, of course, she's wild about Johnny!



Johnny

A noble thief and leader of the Jellyfish Pirates. He's a master of the Hirofumi Style of swordsmanship. He takes in war orphans (exclusively girls) and takes care of them.

W \$500,000 reward to anyone who defeats the Gear currently residing in Country A's territory

and the world
sincerely
rejoiced for
this time
of peace.

Some time
had passed
since the
defeat of
Justice,

The top panel shows a building facade with a sign that says "GUILD" and a shield emblem with a sword and the word "GUILD" below it. Below the building are three panels showing characters: a man on the left, a woman in the center, and a man on the right. Below each character panel is a price tag.

1,000 W\$ 500,000 W\$ 50





I no longer feel the impulse for destruction as I did then...



You have something up your sleeve again?



You ...



Homeland of demons, huh...?

It was then...



was an unbearable emptiness.

All that was left to me after I was freed from Justice's control



.....

Leave!



Now, I am the protector of this land.



You're so kind. You protected me.

and found a reason to live.

I met her here,

Despite how I look, I used to be a knight.

I will wield my blade for you.

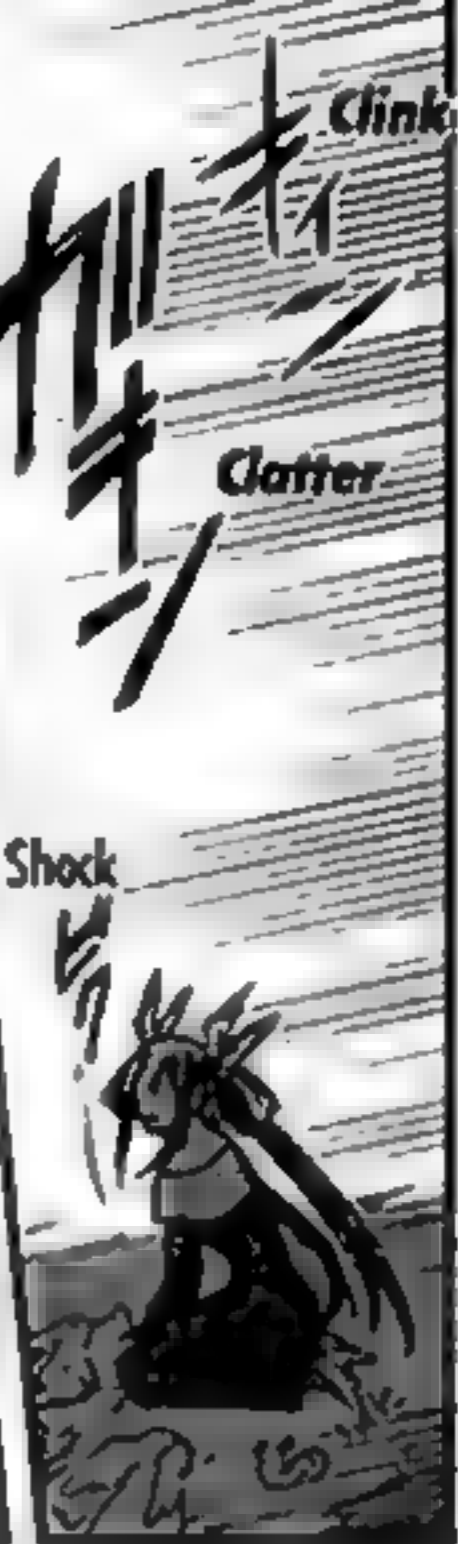




Bam



Testament
....?



Clink

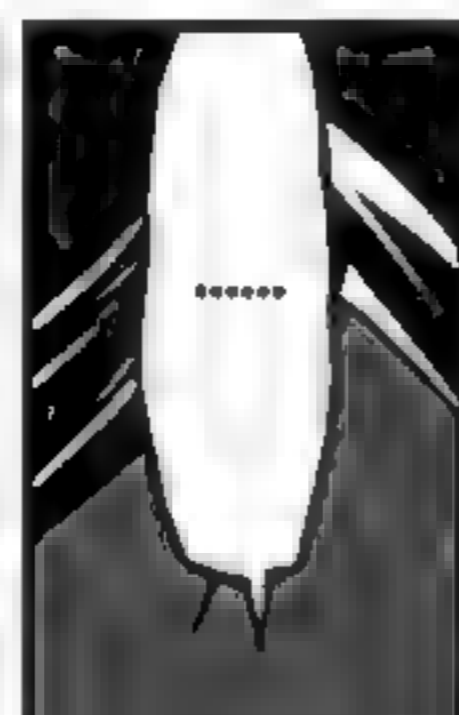
Clatter

Shock



Guh
....!

Slide



.....



Bang



Dizzy
...



Ru...
Ru...



Bang



Bang



Woosh...



Who...

are you?



...No clue.

Where is Testament ...?

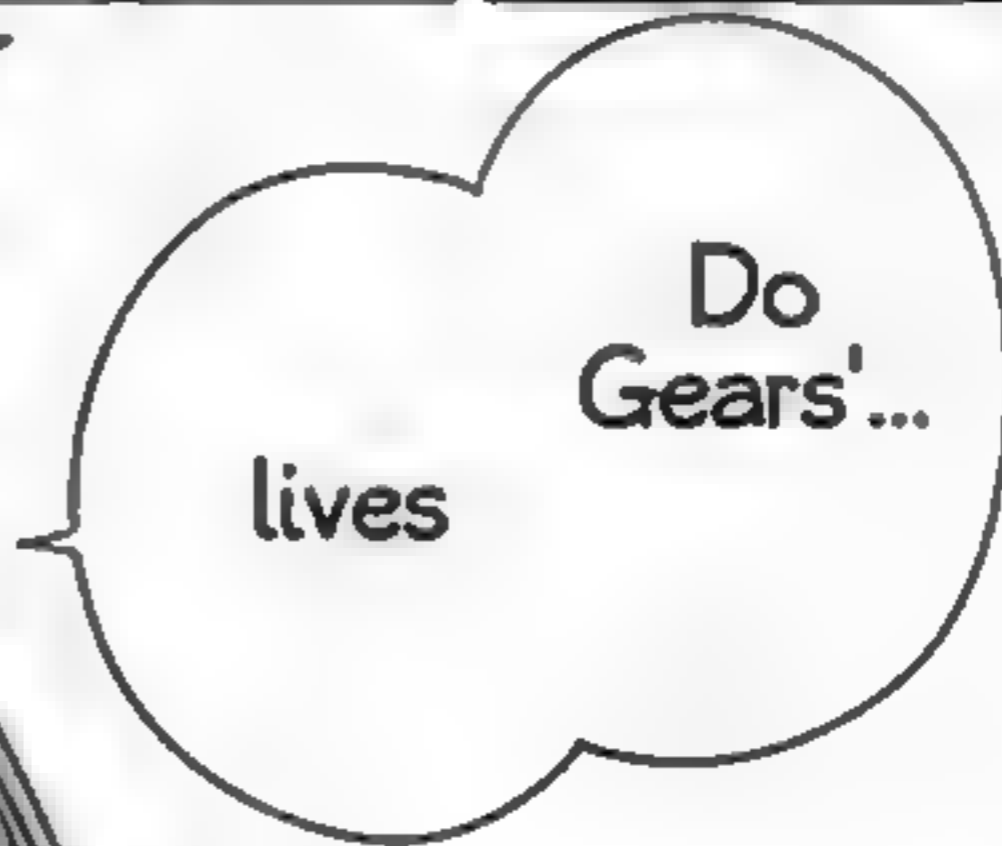


.....!



No, it can't be...

She's





Bar

Flutter





No!

Bam

Stretch



Clank



Voom

Tch.



Woosh

Kyah

-----D

Swoosh



Woosh



Bam

Vroooooom!

Necro!



That's...



**No...
You
can't!**

**You'll
kill
him!**

I don't want to hurt anyone ...! Stop!

Vroooooom





Kill me.

.....
Please...



Before
I hurt
anyone
else.



Woosh...



Raise



I want to trust her.

She's crying, because she doesn't want to hurt anyone.



Ever since the day of Justice's revival, I've been conflicted.



Sol... I...

A kind heart.



...Don't get in the way. Kid.



She has a heart, just as humans do.

And, now, I believe that not all Gears are truly evil.





That look on your face isn't half bad, now.



I got bored, that's all. Don't get the wrong idea.

Sol ...!



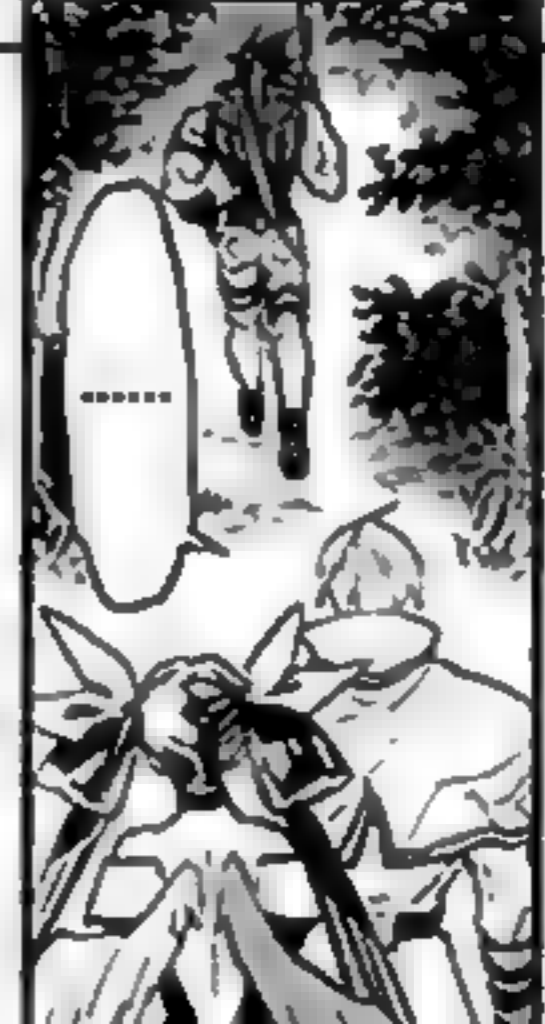
Ky. Do as you like.



I was just a bit surprised he called me by my name...

Ah... It's nothing.

What's the matter?



.....

but he is somehow, warm...



That man... He's scary, but... I can't say why.

...I'd better say thanks sometime.



I don't believe he ever intended to kill you.



Eh? ...Yes, I think you're right.



How can I face my powers, I wonder...? I...



...!



That last attack... I felt no malice in it.





Would you come with me?

There are people in this world who can accept your power. So...

...There's something I'd like you to know.



What is this?
She's got wings!



Get out of our village!

Devil spawn!

She's a Gear!

She's not human!

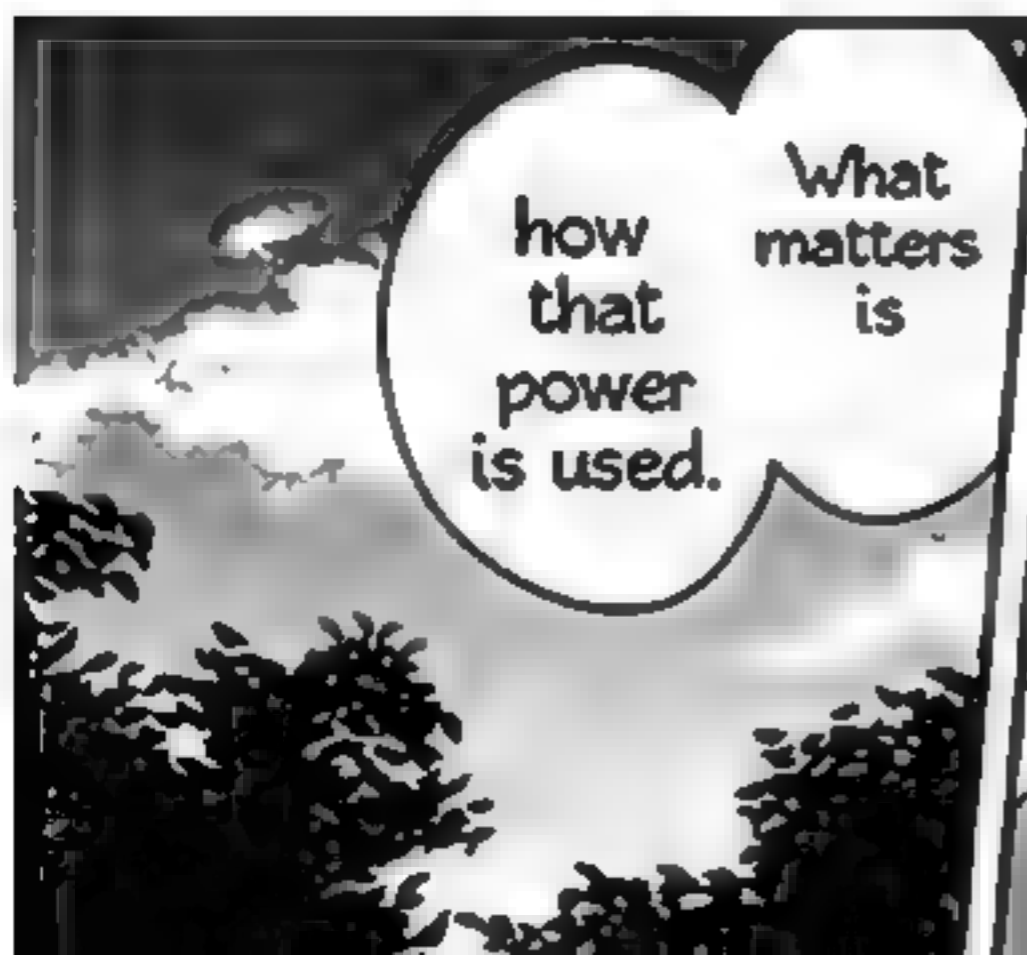
Kill it!

Kill it!

Kill it!

Kill it!

There she is! That's the bounty!





I've realized that there are things I cannot see if I stay hidden away here...



I'm so glad... you're alright.



I see...



Yes.

...Are you leaving?



Human.

I will protect her no matter what.

If this ends up with Dizzy hurt... I will never forgive you all.

I swear on my blade

Yes.

I don't mean to interrupt you love-birds... But, do you have a moment?

!

Hey there!

You misunderstand!

Ah, however, my oath just now was sincere. I mean...

? Of course.

I trust you, Ky.

...!!!

Yeesh!

おん おん



for a wanted lady to live in the city?

Don't you think it would be a bit too difficult

Let me get right to the point.



Eh?

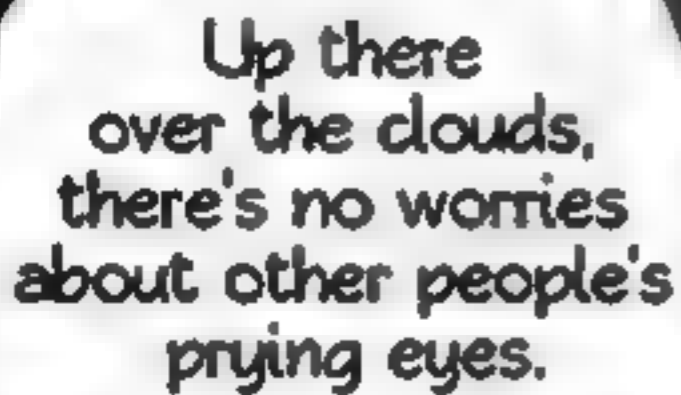


why don't you come with us?

Until this all settles down.



And that's where we come in.



Up there over the clouds, there's no worries about other people's prying eyes.



We're the Jellyfish Pirates. We go our own way.



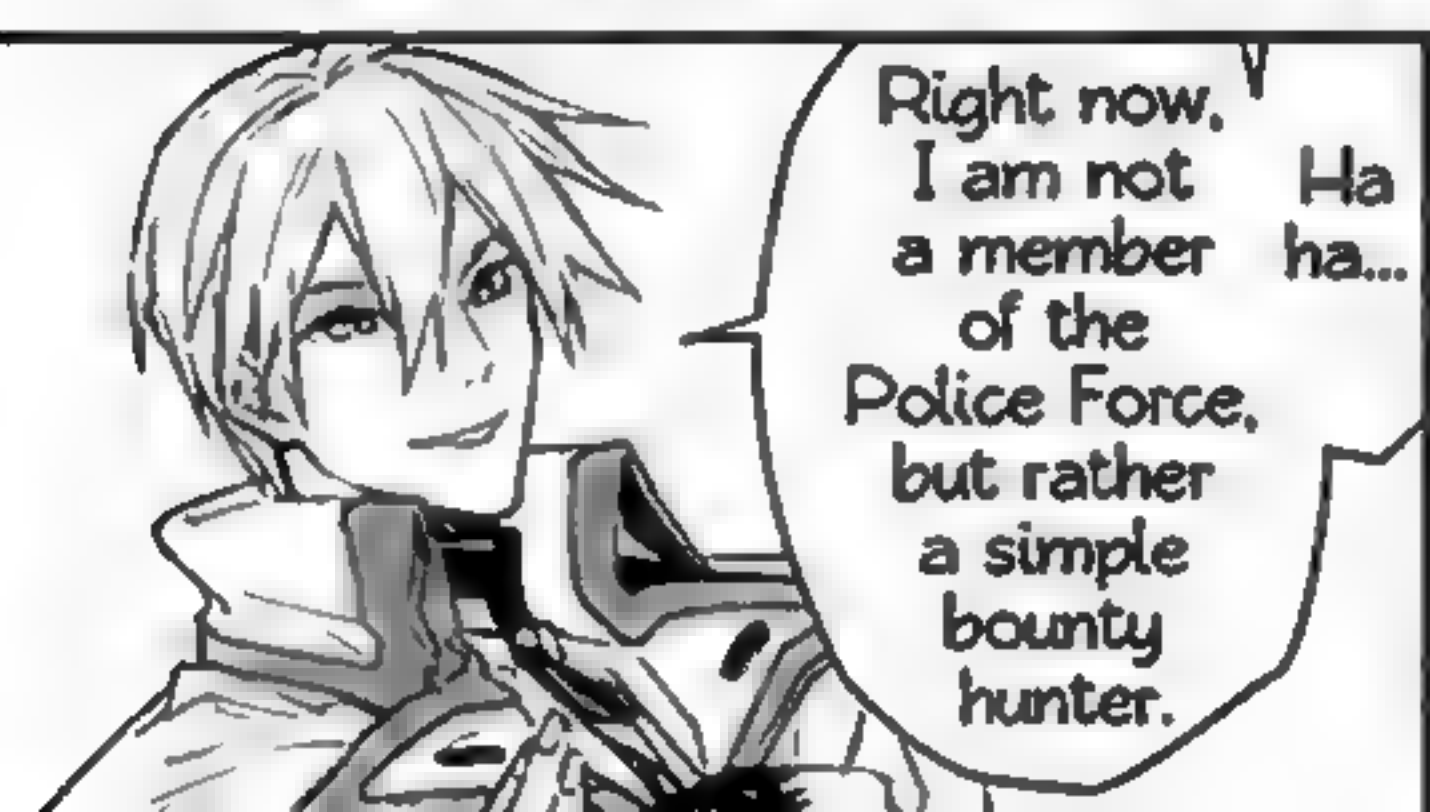
I didn't expect the Chief of the Police Force to accept us so easily.

I'm surprised.



that may very well be the best option.

With her safety as the top priority.



Right now, I am not a member of the Police Force, but rather a simple bounty hunter. Ha ha...



Ky's words...
They were true.

There are people in this world who can accept your powers.

...There's something I'd like you to know.



I hope we can get along.



I'll come back to visit.



Testament...

Today's my lucky day...!



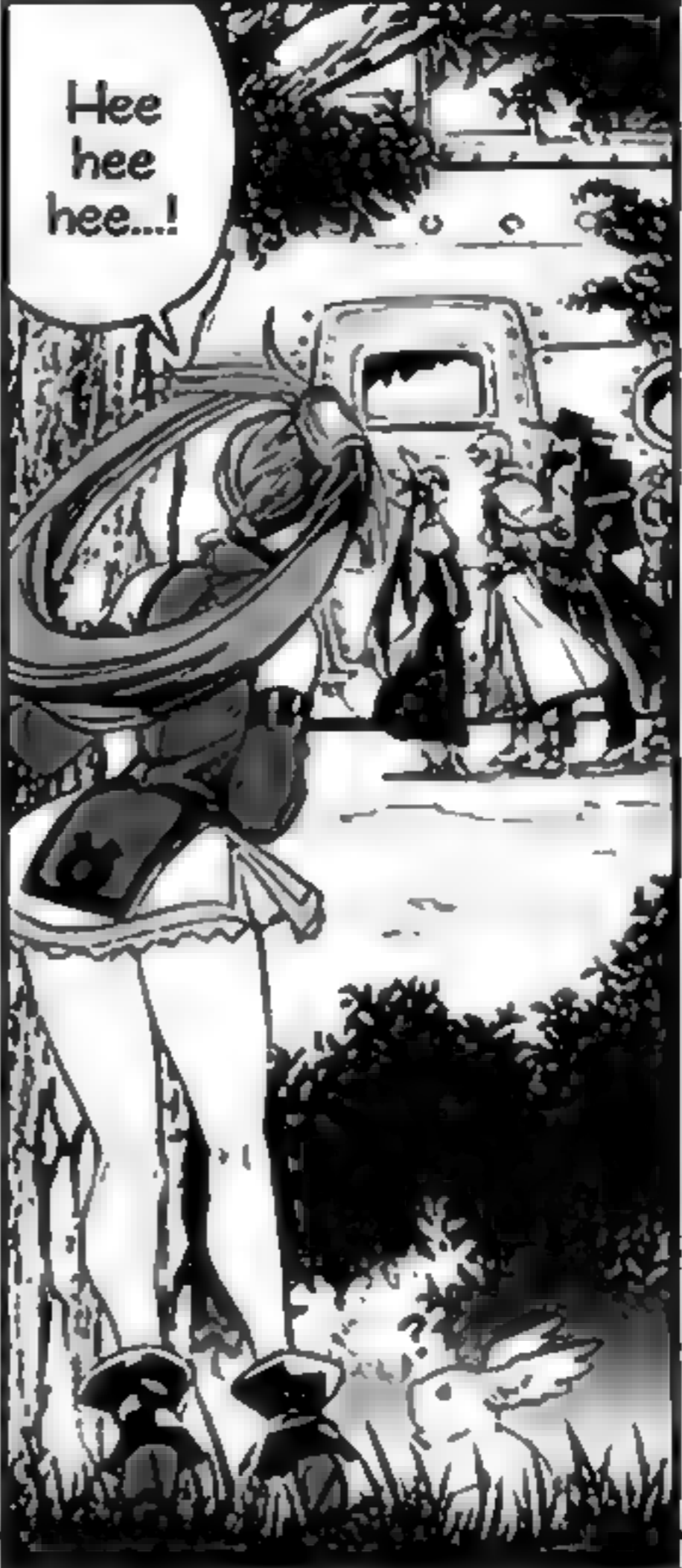
Later,

a person named Jam Kuradoberi reported to the government that she had destroyed the Gear girl.

And she made off with the entire bounty.



It's all mine!



Hee hee hee...!



various gears of fate were set into motion.

And so, with one case wrapped up,

A WORLD SEPARATE FROM OUR OWN, YET SOMEHOW CONTROLLING IT...
THE BACKYARD.
HIDDEN BEHIND ITS GATES ARE THE ETERNAL TRUTHS
OF GOOD... AND OF EVIL.
OF CREATION AND OF DESTRUCTION.
OF CHAOS THE LIKES OF WHICH MANKIND HAS NEVER SEEN.
IN A TIME LONG PAST, A PHILOSOPHER ENTERED THIS OTHER REALM.
HE RETURNED, AND THROUGH SHODDERING BREATHS, HE SPOKE...
"NO EVIL SHOULD TOUCH THIS PLACE."
THIS PHILOSOPHER SEALED AWAY THAT THE BACKYARD WAS INTO A SINGLE TONE.
HIS HOPE WAS THAT MANKIND WOULD NEVER STUMBLE UPON ITS POWER.
WITH THAT, THE PATH TO THE BACKYARD WAS FOREVER BARRED,
AND PEACE ONCE AGAIN BLESSED OUR WORLD.
BUT WHAT FOLLOWED WAS AN EVENT NO ONE SHOULD NEVER HAVE PREDICTED.
FOR EVIL CAME NOT FROM A MAN WHO DISCOVERED THE BOOK...
...BUT FROM INSIDE THE BACKYARD ITSELF.

Chapter 5

Guilty Gear 2

Overture

A black and white illustration of Sol Badguy. He is shown from the chest up, wearing his signature white coat with a high collar and a dark tie. He has long, dark hair and is looking directly at the viewer with a serious, intense expression. His right hand is raised to his forehead, with fingers spread, as if shielding his eyes or in a gesture of contemplation. The background is a dark, textured surface with a grid-like pattern.

Sol Badguy

He works as a bounty hunter along with his adopted son Sin. He suddenly receives an unconventional summons from one of the Allied Kings, Ky Kiske.

A black and white illustration of Sin. He is shown from the chest up, wearing a white shirt and a dark tie. He has short, spiky hair and is looking directly at the viewer with a wide-eyed, surprised expression. His mouth is open in an 'O' shape. In the background, there is a sign that reads "SOL BADGUY" and "100,000 REWARD".

Sin

A young bounty hunter who works with Sol and calls him "old man." He's innocent, cheerful, and friendly. He hates being treated like a child.



Valentine

A mysterious girl who is searching for something she refers to as the "key." She thinks of things quite mechanically, and her lack of visible emotion and inflection makes her frighteningly doll-like.



Ky Kiske

He's been appointed the First Allied King of the United Kingdoms of Illyria. As King, he works to bring the people together and help them recover after the Crusades. Illyria suddenly comes under attack by a mysterious army one day.



Dr. Paradigm

An independent Gear who was freed from Justice's control after her defeat. He lives peacefully with his fellow Gears on the isolated Ganymede island. He is known as a genius magic wielder, and possesses great knowledge of the Backyard.



Izuna

A resident of the Underworld Hill, which exists in the space between the Backyard and the physical realm, he's a yokoi with ears resembling a fox. His speech pattern's a bit mixed up.



That Man

The worst criminal of human history, who created Gears, incited the Crusades, and caused critical damage to mankind. He turned his fellow researcher and close friend Frederick into a Gear.



Dizzy

A half-Gear girl who joined the Jellyfish after the events of the prior chapter. As of now...

Several years later...

Hey, old man!

What the heck?

FUGITIVE BADGUY
100,000,000 REWARD

There's a drawing of you up here!

Hmm?

I'm sure I taught you to read. Read it, Sin.

From Ky.

No. This is just a tasteless summons.

There's a bounty on you!?

But we're bounty hunters!

Wanted...

Dead or alive?



The First King of the United Kingdoms of Illyria, Ky Kiske.
That annoying kid ended up becoming all high and mighty.



Kick

WAA

Roll roll roll

Baaaang

Wooooo---



I've got a bad feeling about this.

A summons from Ky, huh...



No way I'm going to Illyria.

That's a no from me!

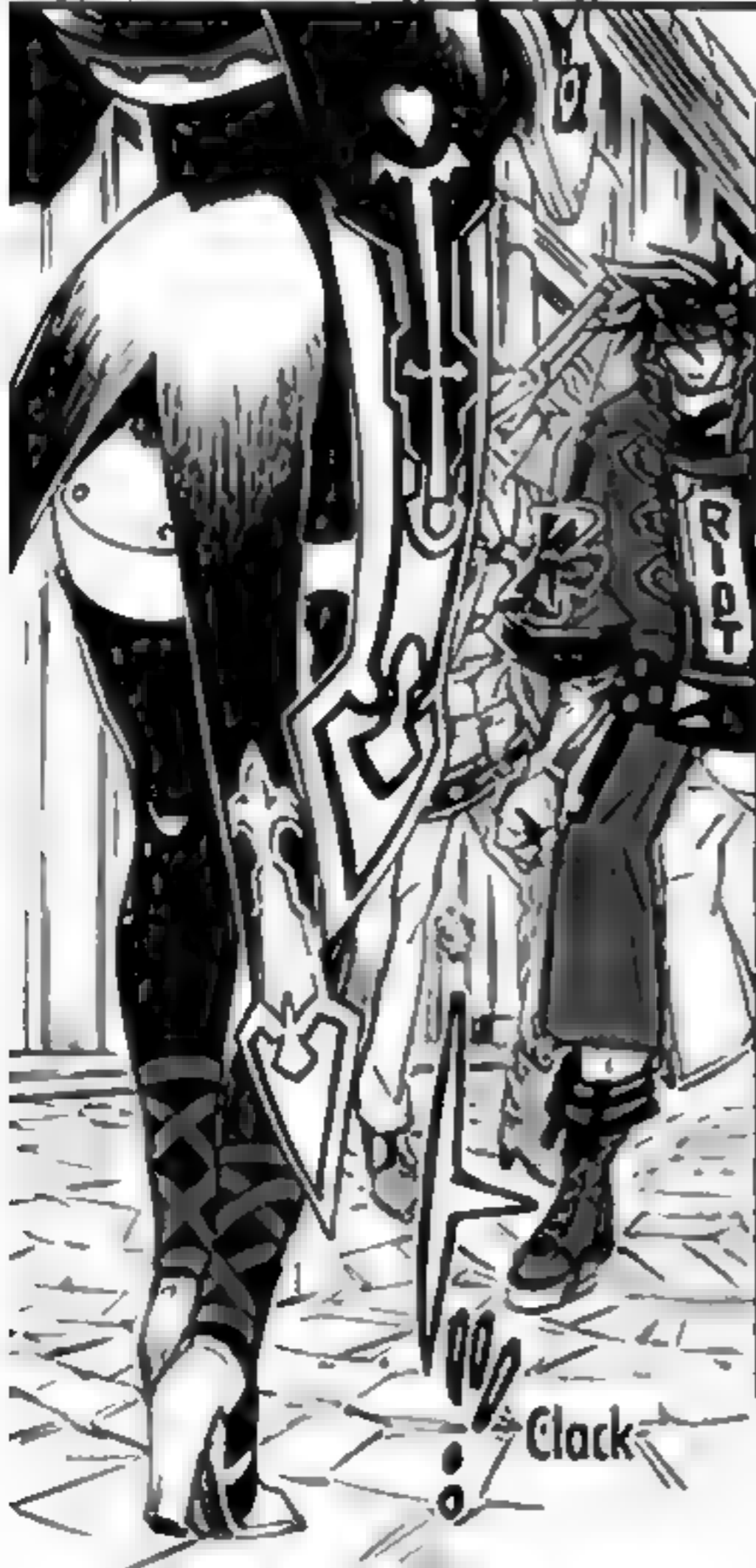
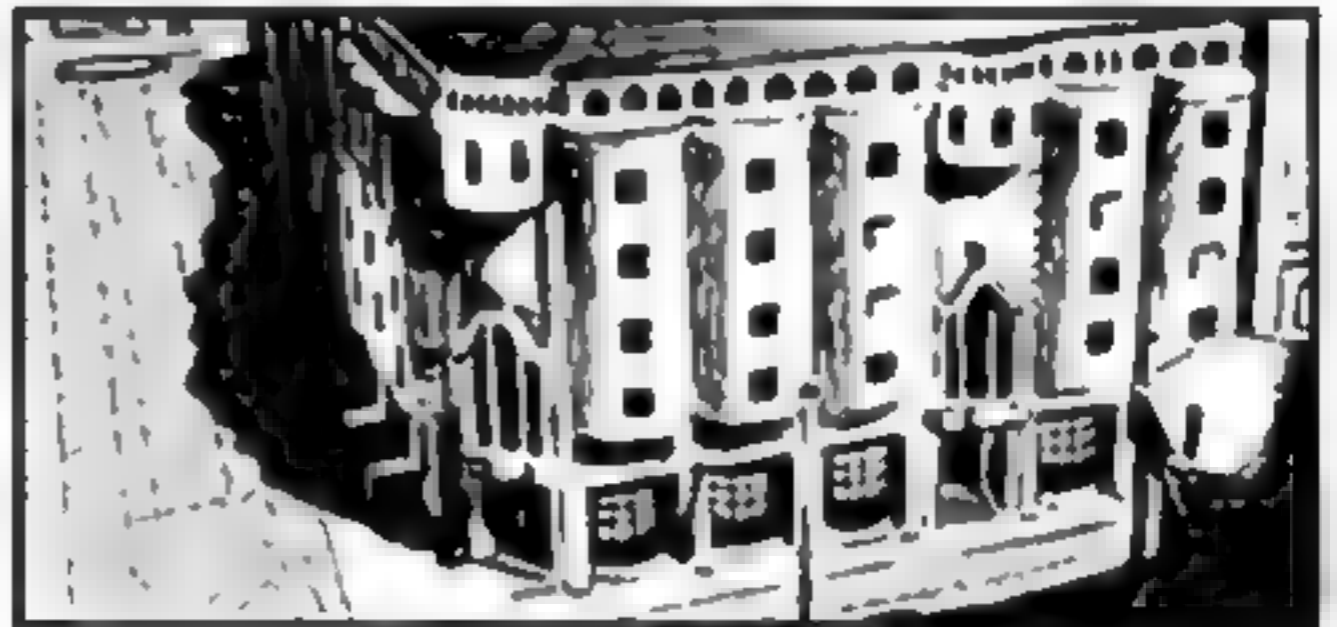


Okay! Okay, no need to get violent!

We're going.



In front of Illyria Castle



Clack



You're interfering with Valentine.

I'm Valentine.

...You haven't fled.

Statistically, there are not many people like you.

I reject... the existence of obstacles.

I've got a question for you...

Working for Mother.

What is your goal?



Okay,
then
die!

Boosh

Bang

Voosh





Woosh



is my head ringing?

Why



.....



Clack

I'll retreat and regain my composure.



... Okay.



...Don't worry about it.

Let's hurry to the Castle.

You okay, old man? You don't look so good.



She's gone!?



Vwoosh





... He's alive.

Calm down.

Who's there!?

Leave this to us.

One even you don't know?

Damn. They've used a really annoying Code...

I'm on your side.

No need to get so heated.







Bang

We have to break this seal so we can talk to the King, yes?

Calm down, Doctor.

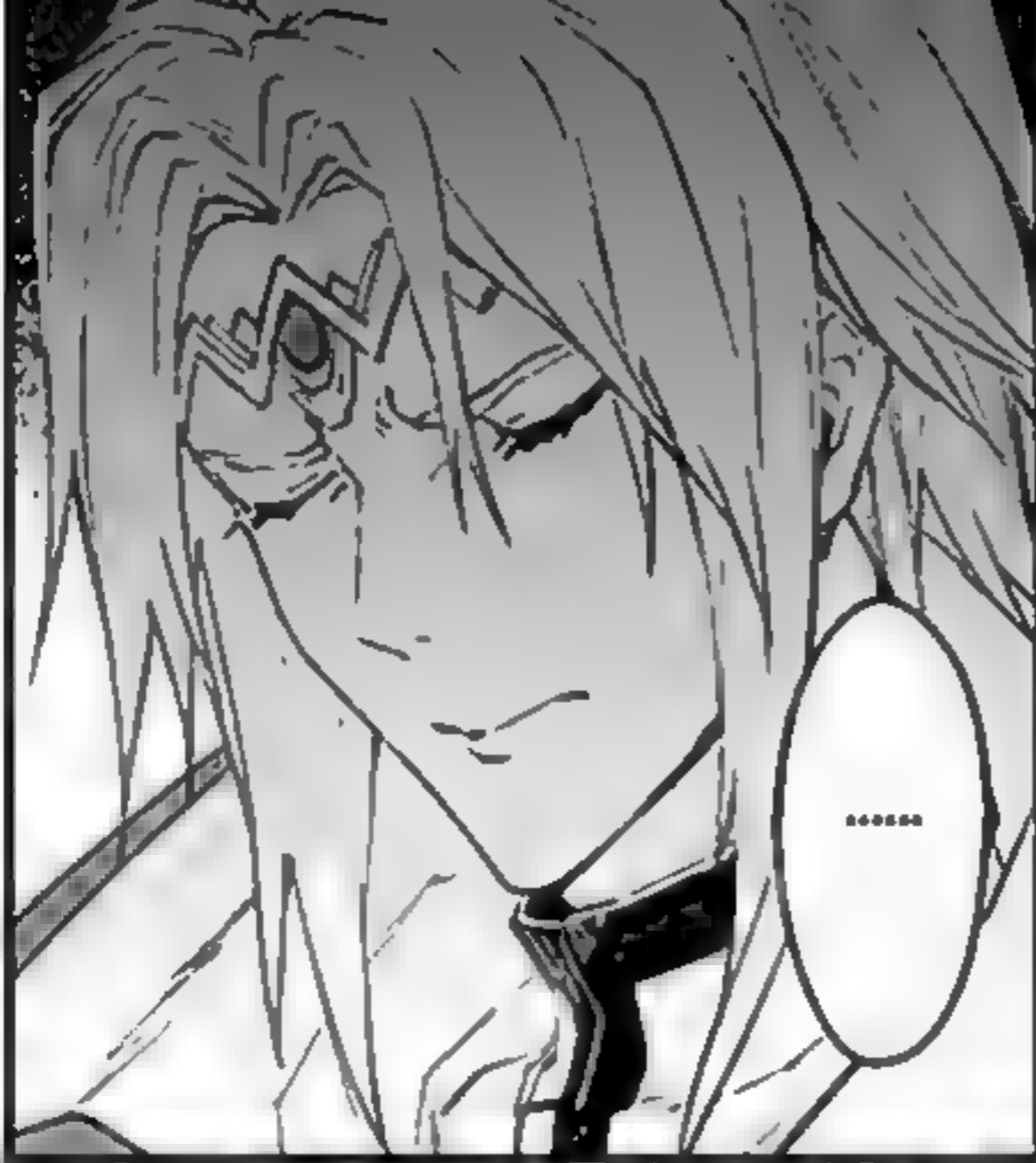
Izuna! Who are these rude monkeys!?

Hmph... You're right.

Shiine

Alright, it's broken.

GLORY OF THE PHOENIX



.....



... Sin?

Sol.



Hey, Ky.

Mom... Is Mom okay?



You can't protect anything, can you!?



...What good is a king ...



I'd like to apologize for the trouble. I'd like to hear what you've got to say, Doctor.



I'll protect Mom, myself!



Let me begin with the conclusion.



Her goal is to access the "Cube" created by the Gear Maker.



Valentine is a dangerous being, who is trying to use the Backyard's power to damage the world.



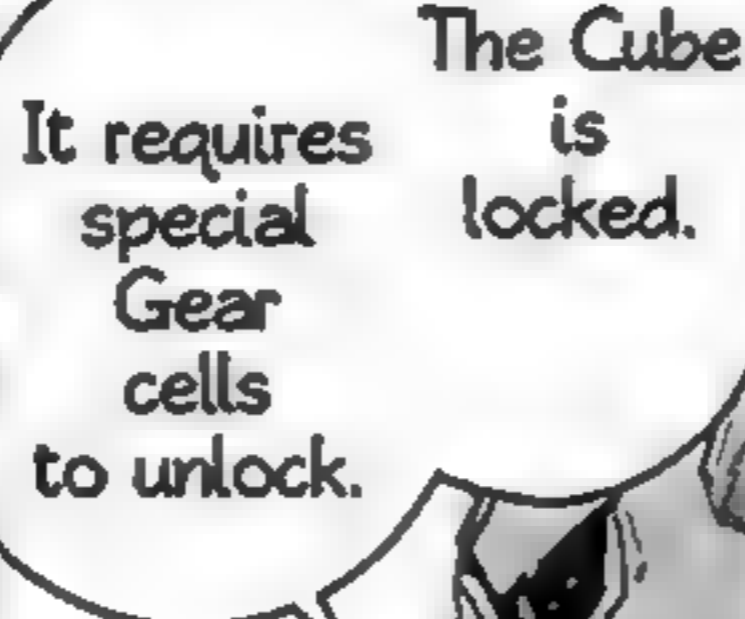
A world which defines everything on this Earth.



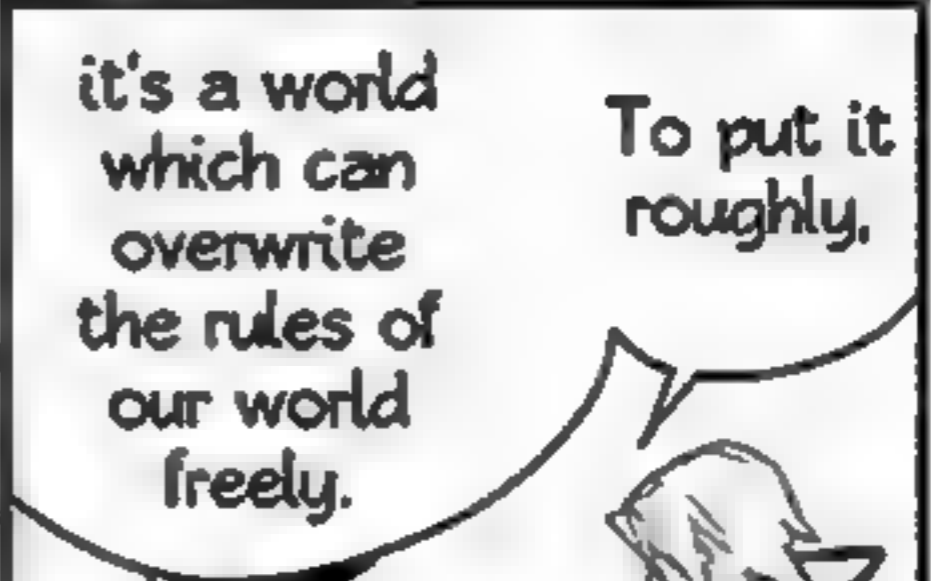
The Backyard..



Special ... It can't be!

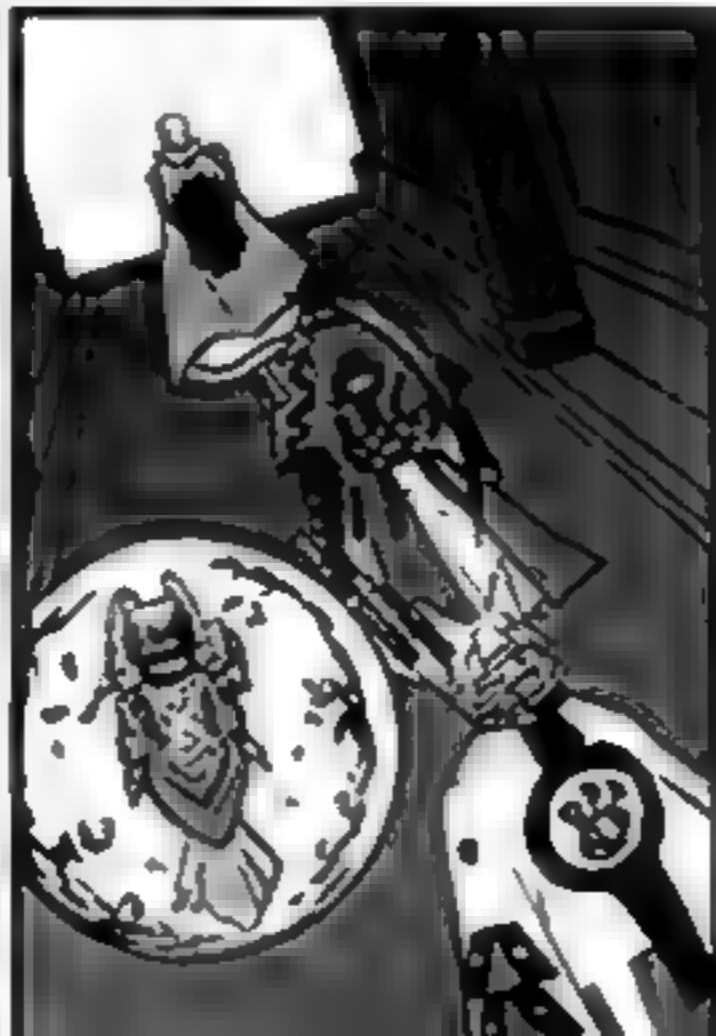
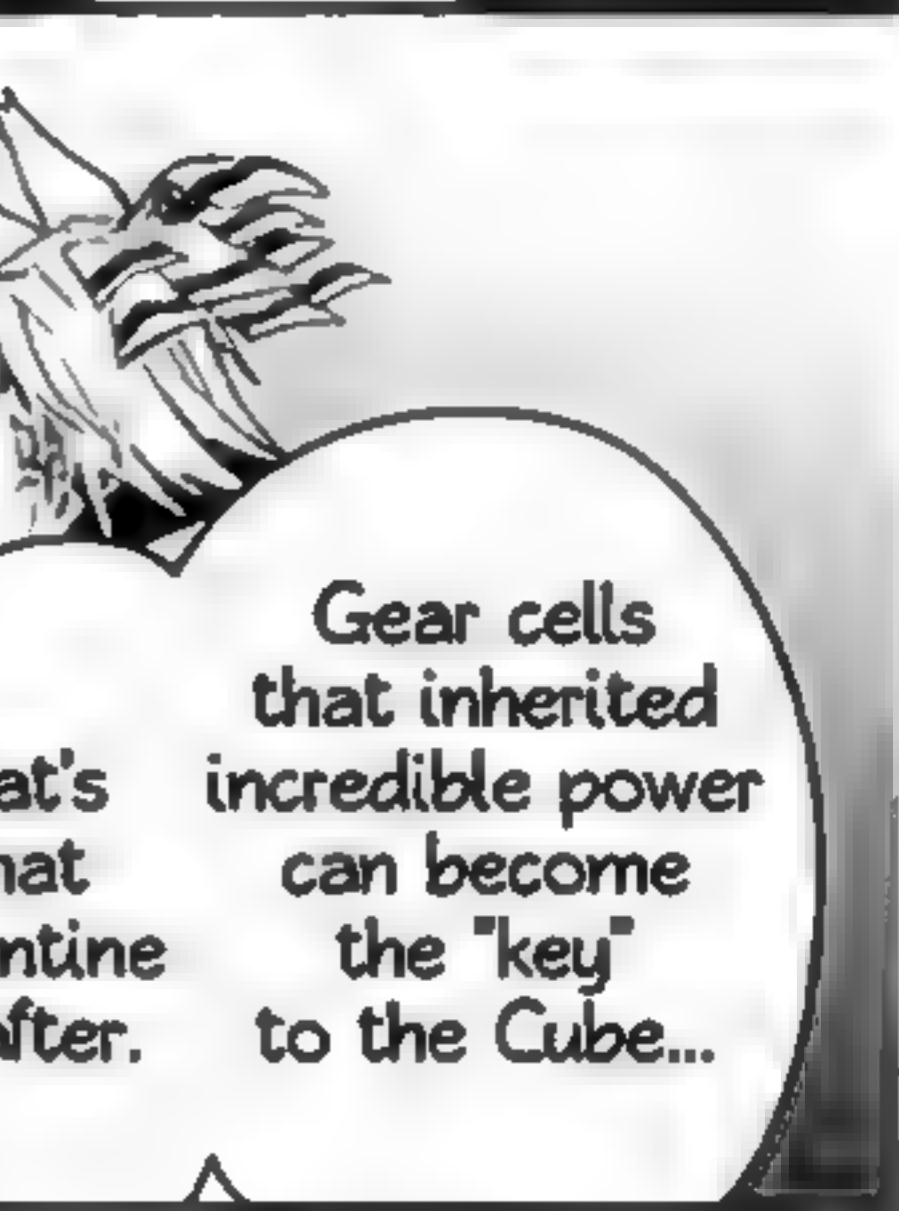
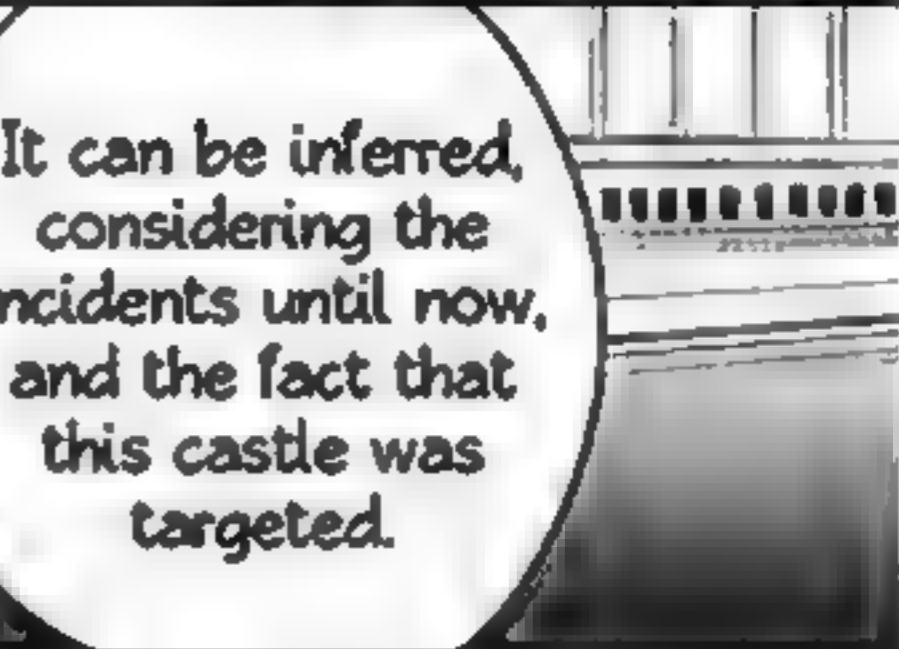


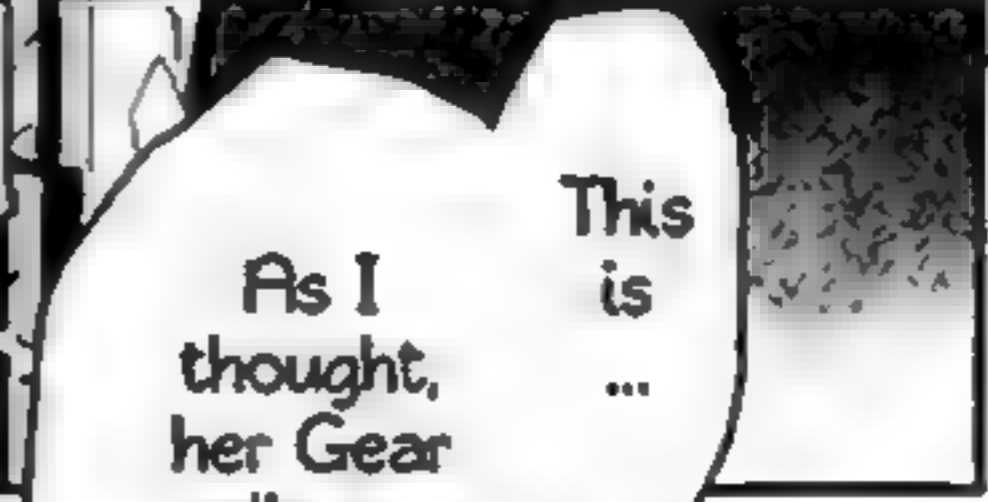
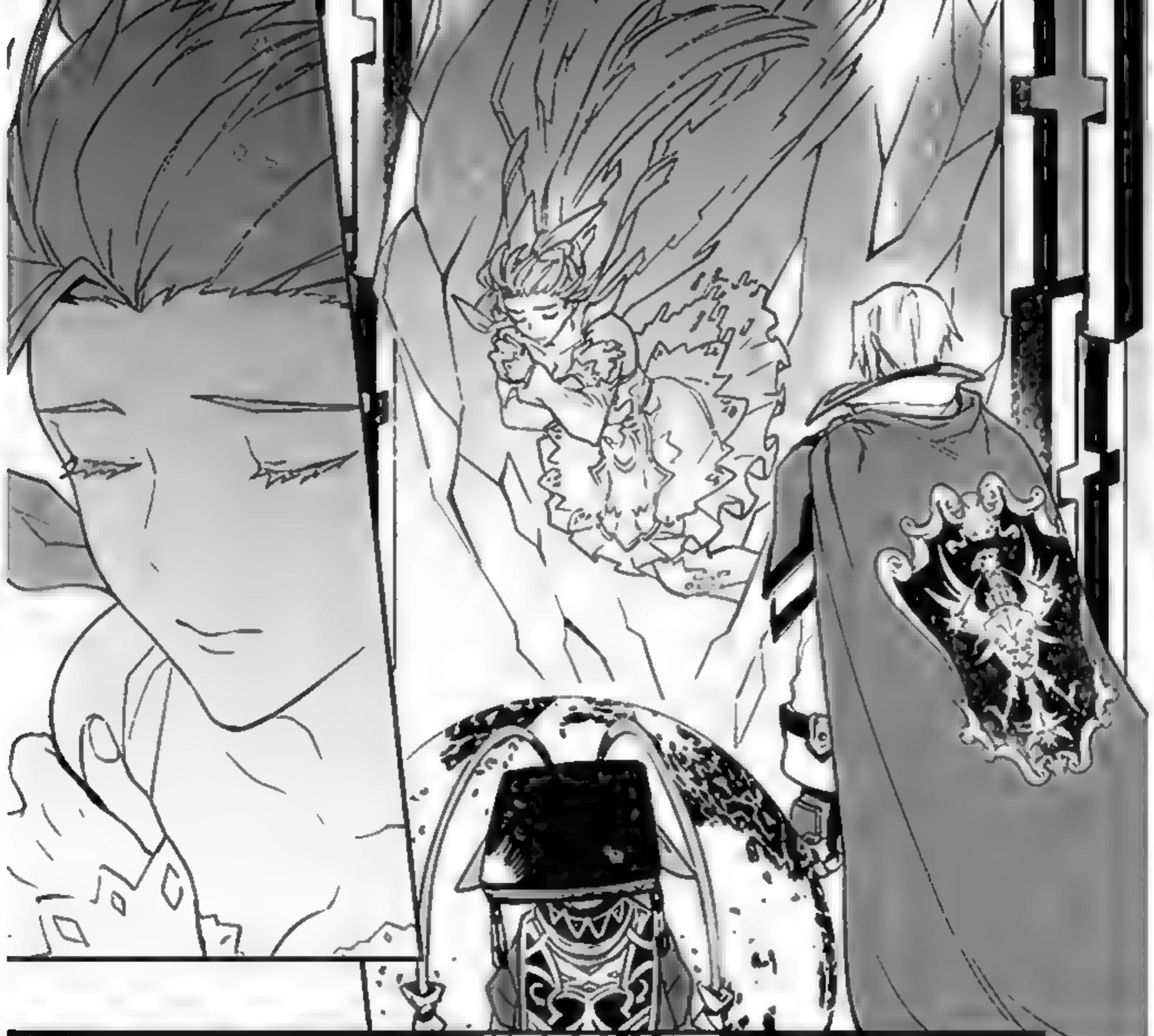
The Cube is locked. It requires special Gear cells to unlock.



it's a world which can overwrite the rules of our world freely.

To put it roughly,





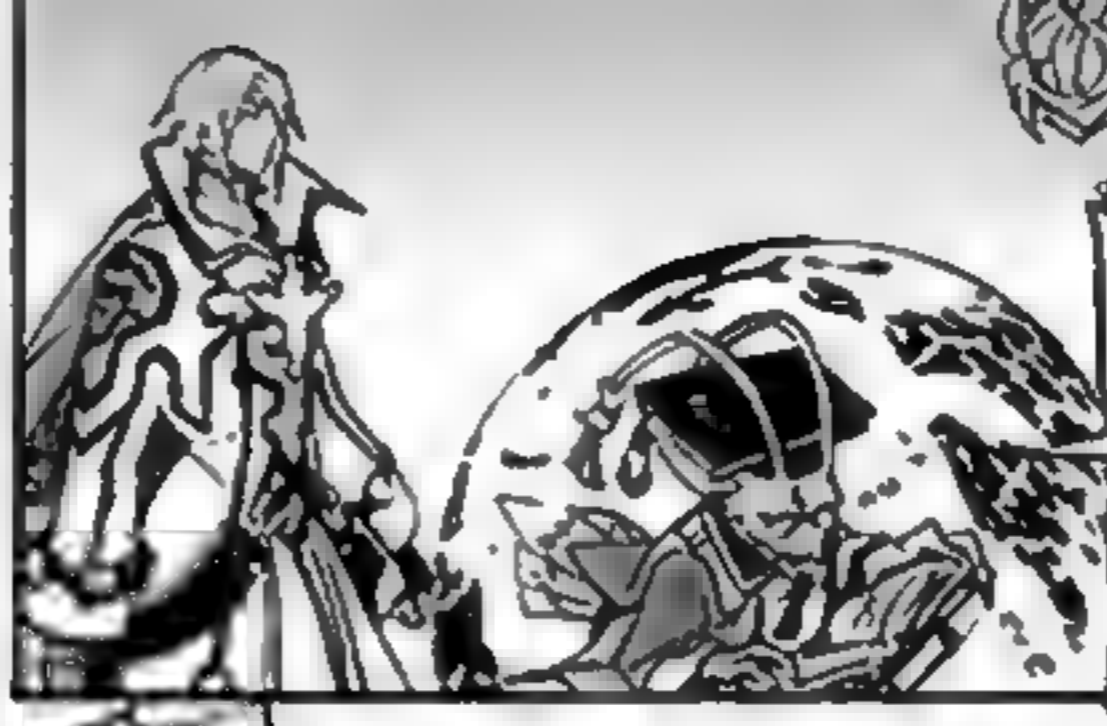
Undoubtedly,
she is a
back-up
for
Justice!

As I
thought,
her Gear
cells are
very similar
to those of
Justice.

This
is
...

Nothing can be compared to the destruction of the world.

King, you must not ignore the big picture.



We must prevent her from falling into the enemy's hands, at all costs.

I will not allow that!



We must destroy her!

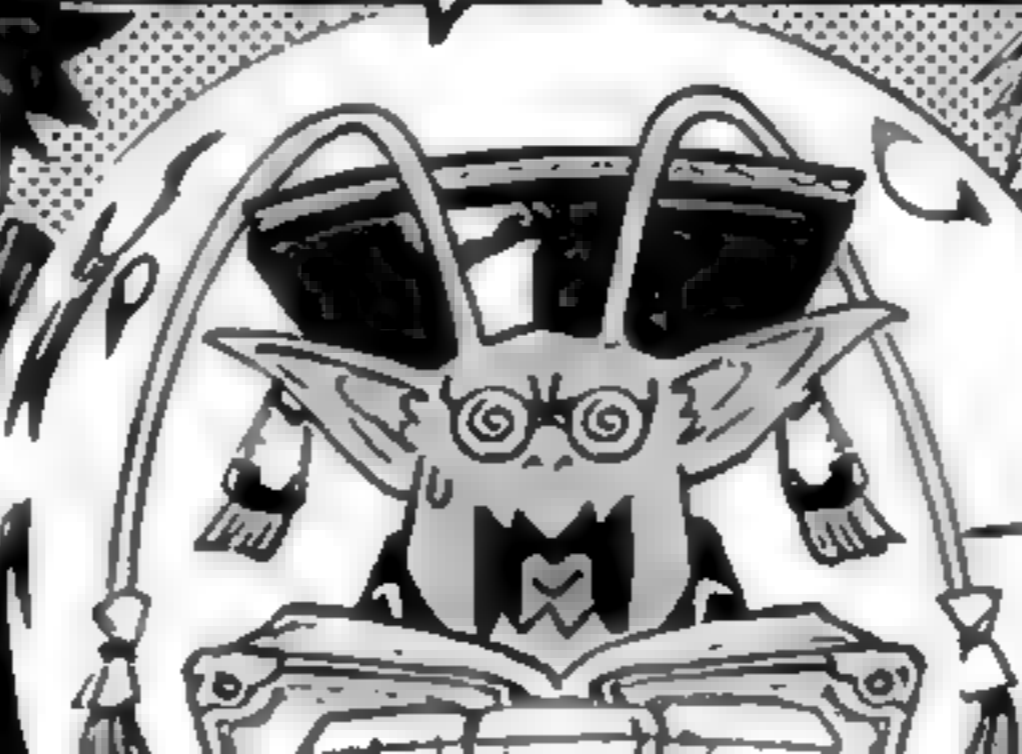


Surely, you don't mean to say you've fallen in love with this Gear!

I do mean to say that!



You do...?



Hmmmmmm!?!
Oh...



Even for Sin's sake, I just can't abandon her.

However, as an individual, I am in love with her.

I realize that our love is taboo. As a King, and as a human,



He couldn't tell a lie if he tried.



Heh ...

Is... this some sort of joke?



Sin is our son. Yes.



Could Sin be...!?

Wait... That means...



My goodness... Who would have thought the King himself would be...



Due to his Gear blood, he ages rapidly.

so I entrusted him to Sol.

I felt he may be killed if left in the public eye.



Oh, no!

She'll go after Sin!

If her Gear cells are the key...

Sin has inherited them, so he could also work!





I was able to trace the spell!

Let's go!



Woosh!



Sin!



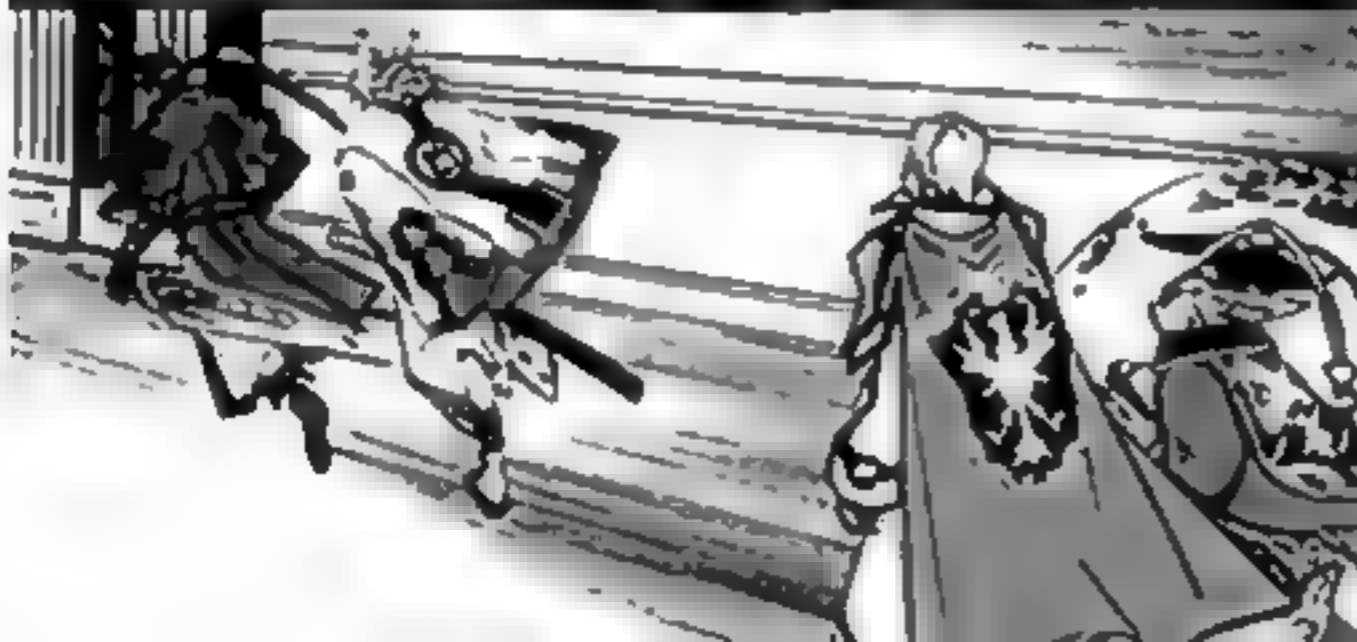
Relax.

I believe in returning my loans.



The largest flank is headed for the castle!

That's ...
Valentine's army?



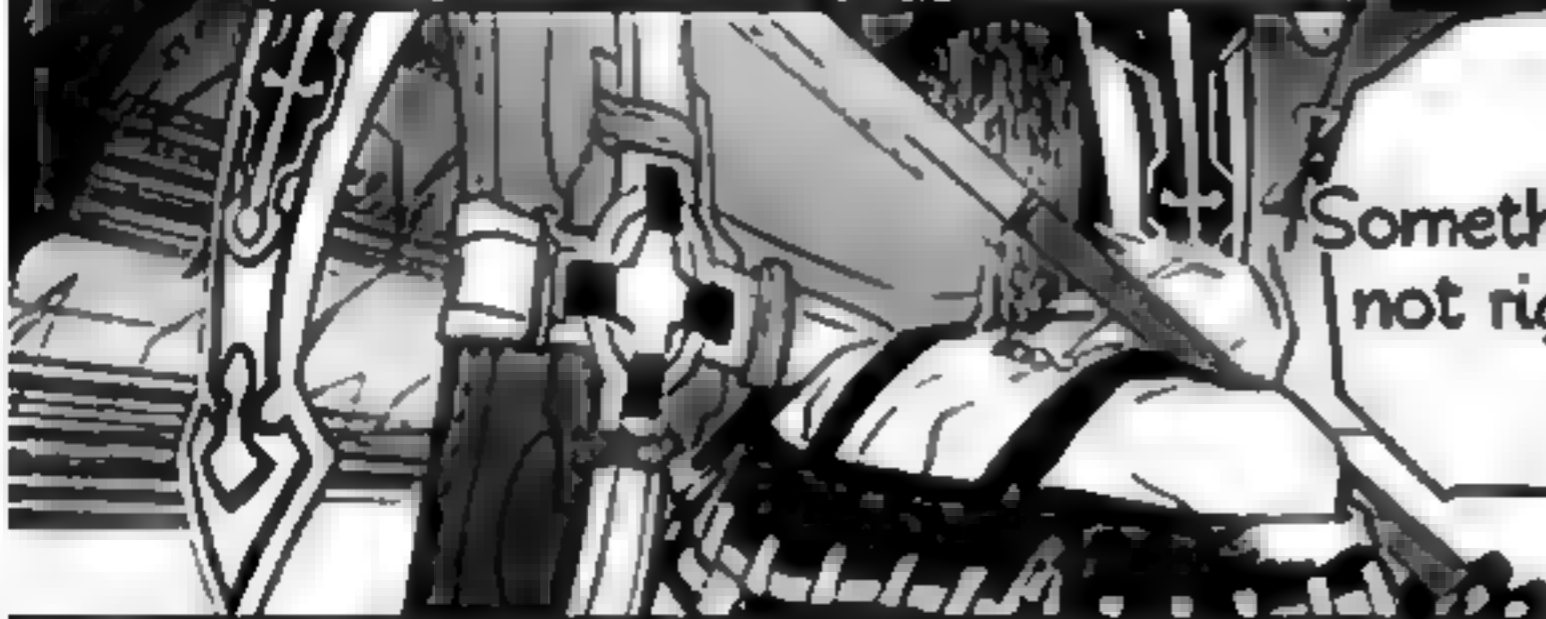
I'll... protect the castle.

I can't leave my people like this.



Sol...

Thank you...



Something's not right!



Sin!

Valentine's going on ahead to the gate, so...
Okay, then.

I belong ...

Sin belongs to Valentine now.
You're too late.

Kill them, okay?
Sin.

to Valentine, and only her, now...





I feel amazing!

H a h a h a h a !

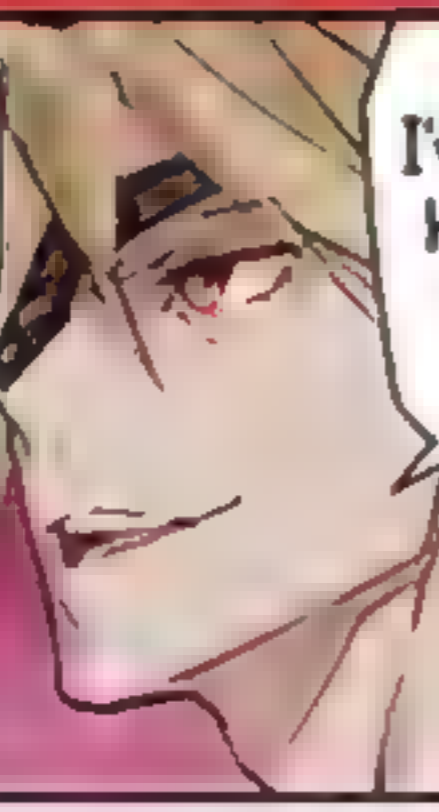


So you're stronger, yeah?



You're Sin's teacher, right?

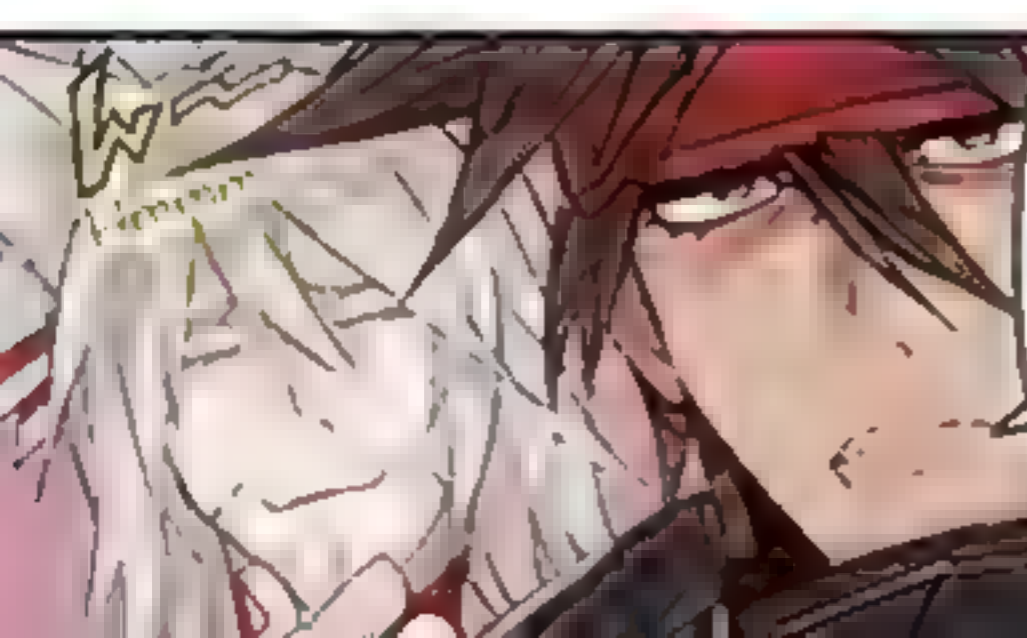
Cause I could take you down, no problem.



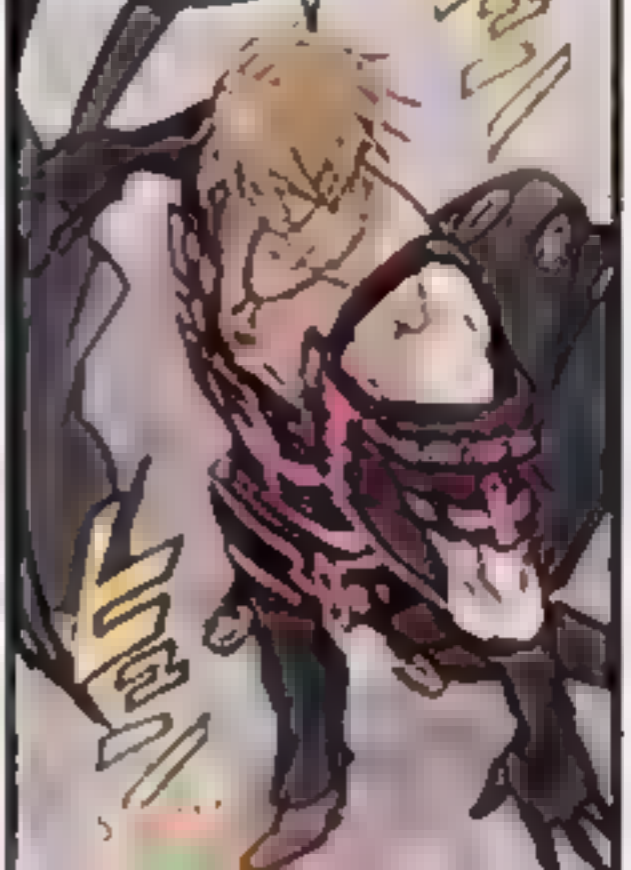
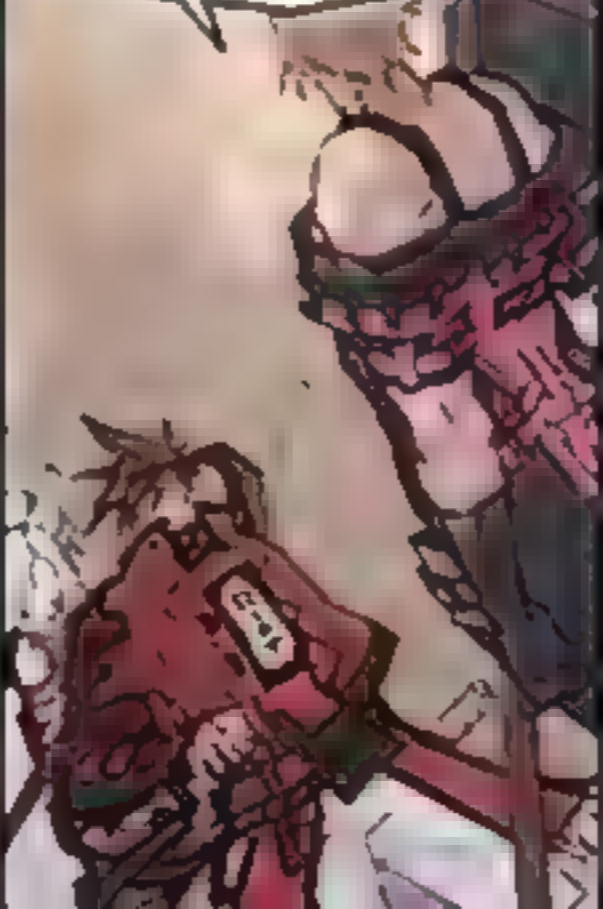
I've been holding back.

I've never gone all out fighting with you before, see? Did ya know?

I've always wanted to fight you for real. Sol.



You heard him.





Shut up!
He's not...



Your
strikes
are
light.

You
must have
gotten
that from
your dad.



This is
my
true
power...



From
Mom's
blood!



hid
behind
righteousness

He...



Don't
talk about
him!



Spark

Spark

Spark

Ky is honest
to a fault
when it
comes to
righteousness.

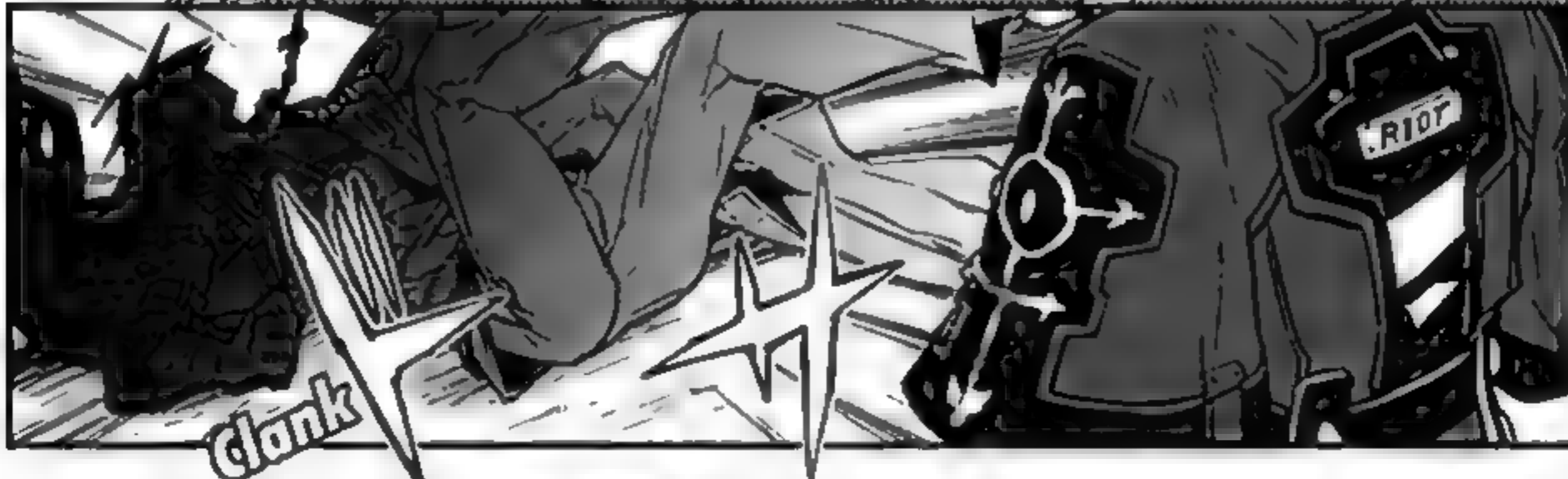
I don't
give a
damn
about your
family
problems.

But...

and
tossed
me
and
Mom
aside!!



And that
righteousness
is what
keeps you
alive.





She probably wouldn't be although if Ky hadn't done everything he could.



... That's right... Mom!



I need to find mom!

Relax. She's fine.



Or we could all get wiped out!

We need to stop Valentine!

We don't have time for all this!

For real!?



He did?



... He...



Sol!



Tch.

At this rate...!



No way we can handle all these guys! Woah!



Doctor..

Ky!

Seems I made it in time.



I owe you one.



Do we have time for such idle banter?



So the delinquent King stepped away from his throne, huh?

Heh ...



Slash



Sin!





Yes,
that's
fine.

Hah!

Don't get me
wrong,
I won't say
thank you.



...I wasn't
a good
father
to you.

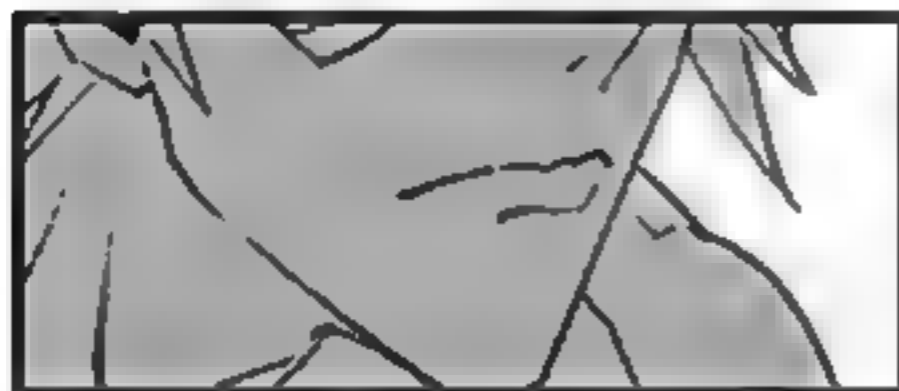


And
that
brings me
great joy.

Even so,
I can now
wield my
sword to
protect you
and your
mother...



Dash!



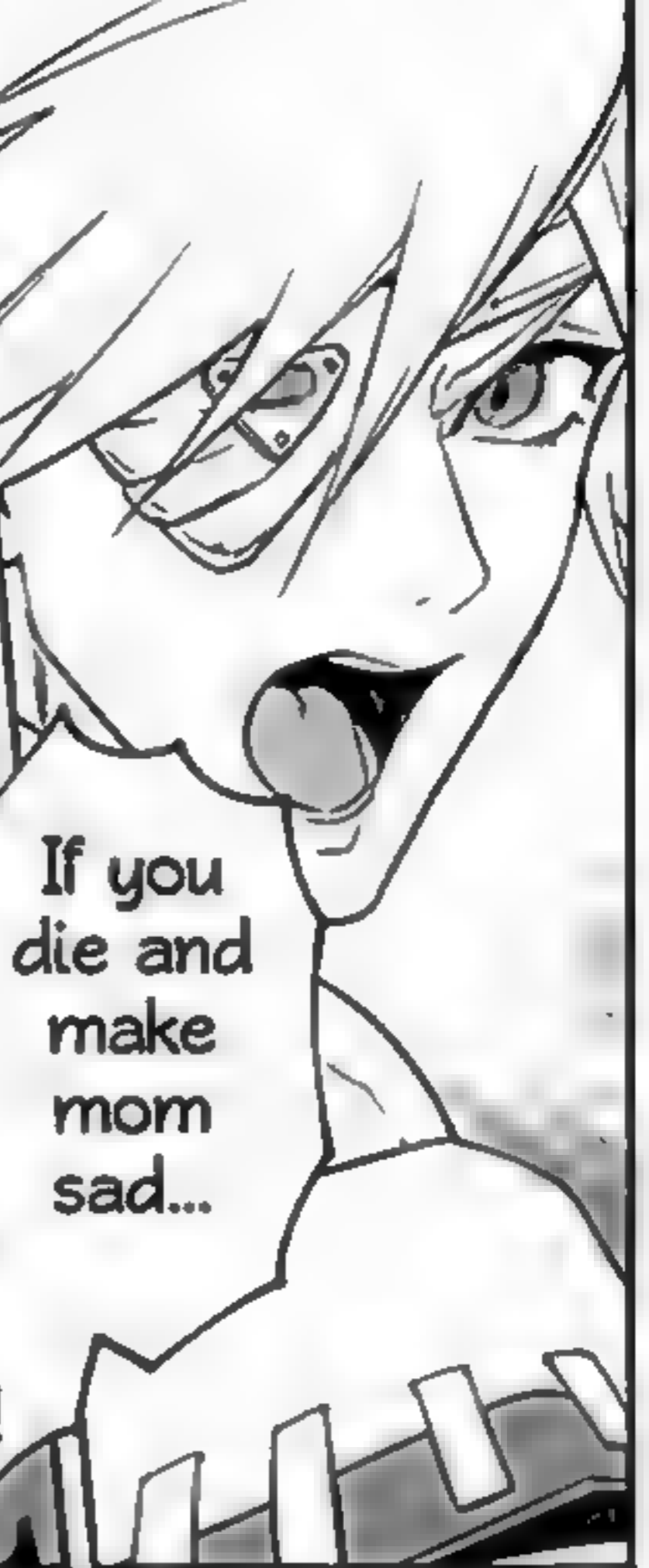
Ky!



It's too
late to
act like a
good dad
now!



...Now,
I'll hold
them off
here.
go on
ahead.



Looks like I can't afford to lose this battle, then.

If you die and make mom sad...

I'm gonna be angry!



Past here... lies the Backyard.



your sense of self will be destroyed due to the information density there.

If you spend too long in the depths of the Backyard,



You ...!



Vwoosh...



Your appearance ... You've really fallen...!

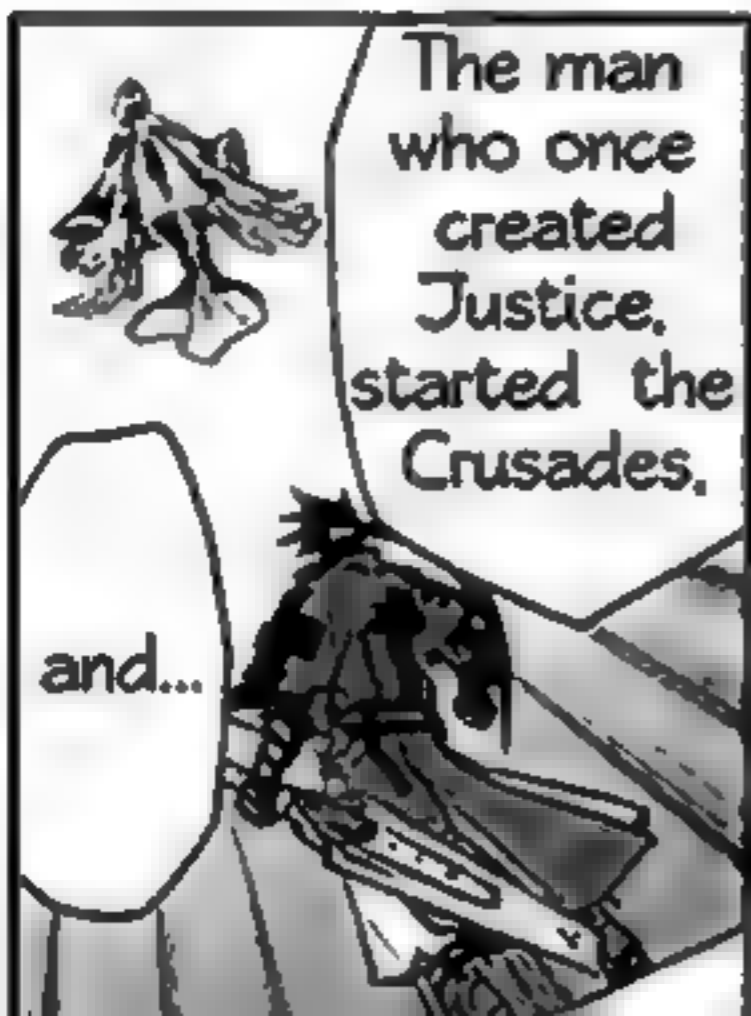
Frederick.

It's been a while.



It seems I can't remain as an adult.

Yeah.

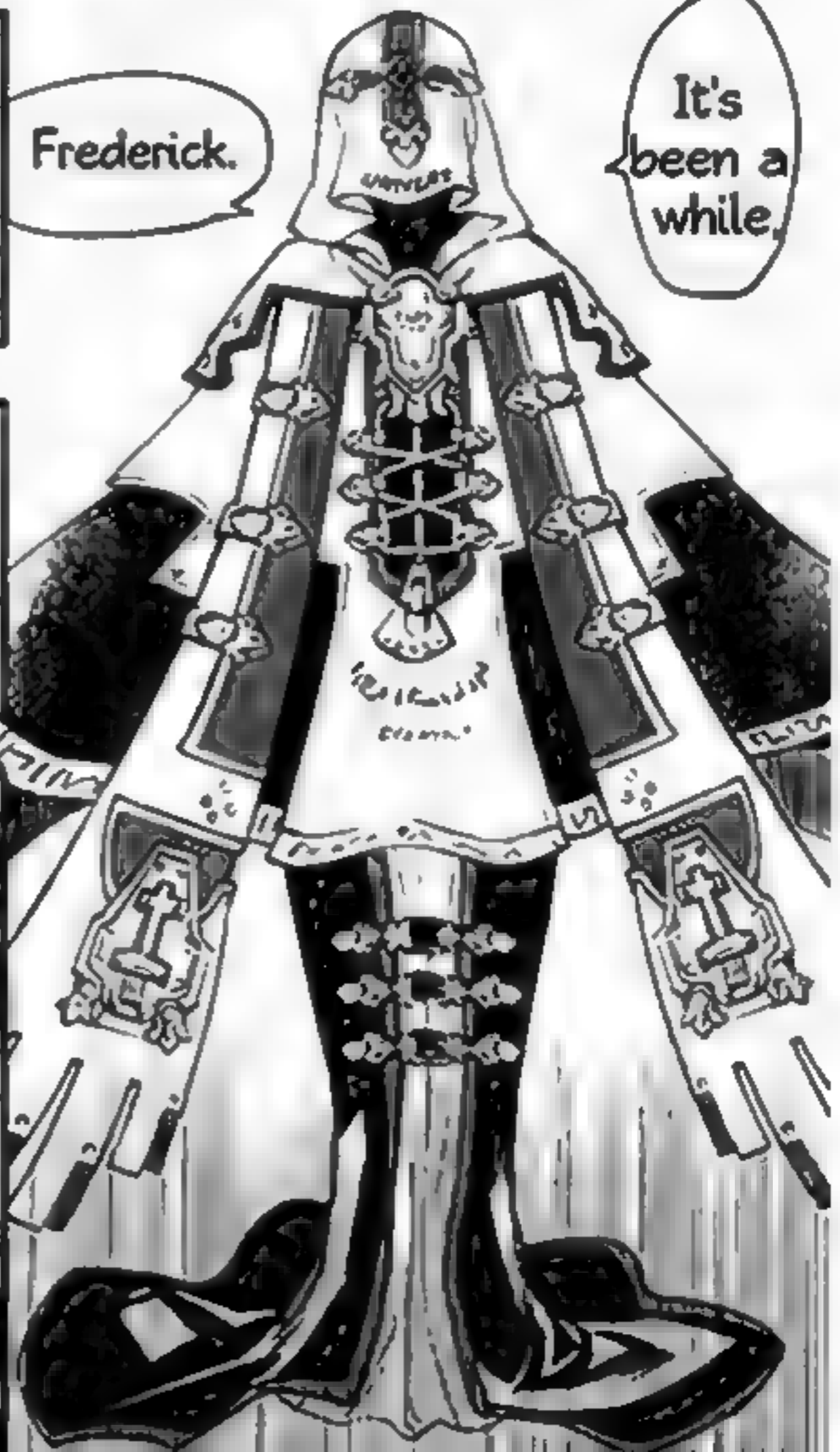


The man who once created Justice, started the Crusades,

and...



Who... is this?





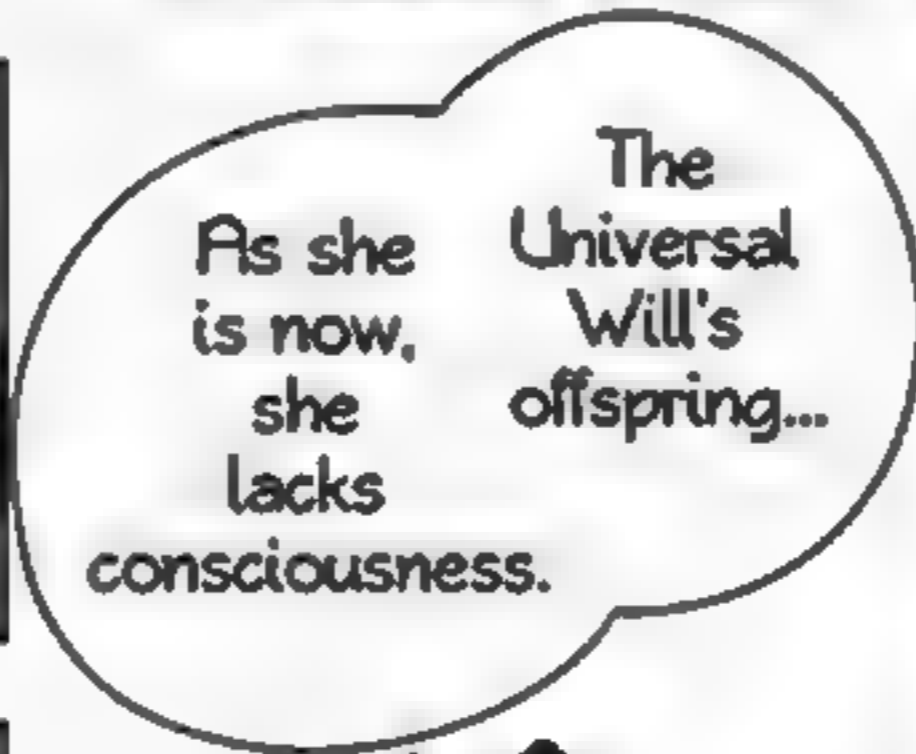
The Gear Maker!



the man who turned me into a Gear...!



However... when touched, "something" will crumble.



As she is now, she lacks consciousness.

The Universal Will's offspring...

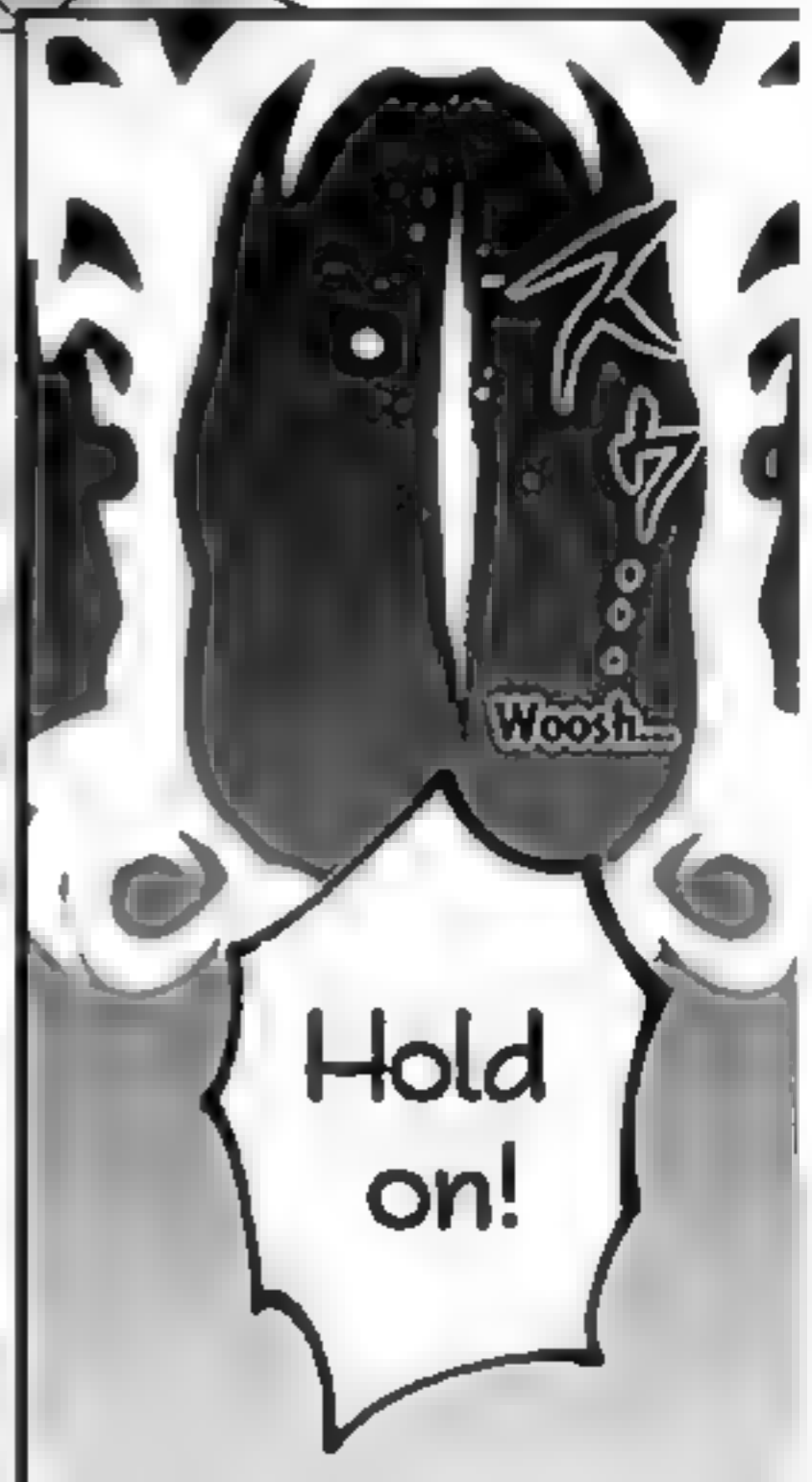
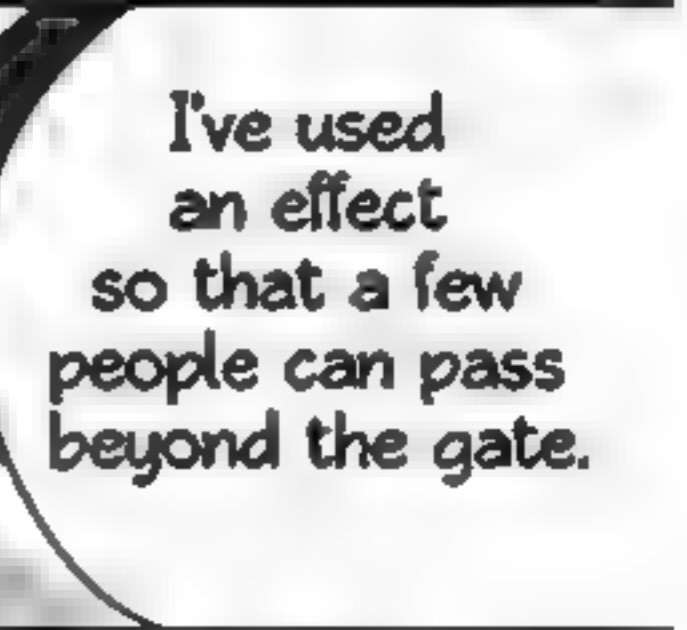
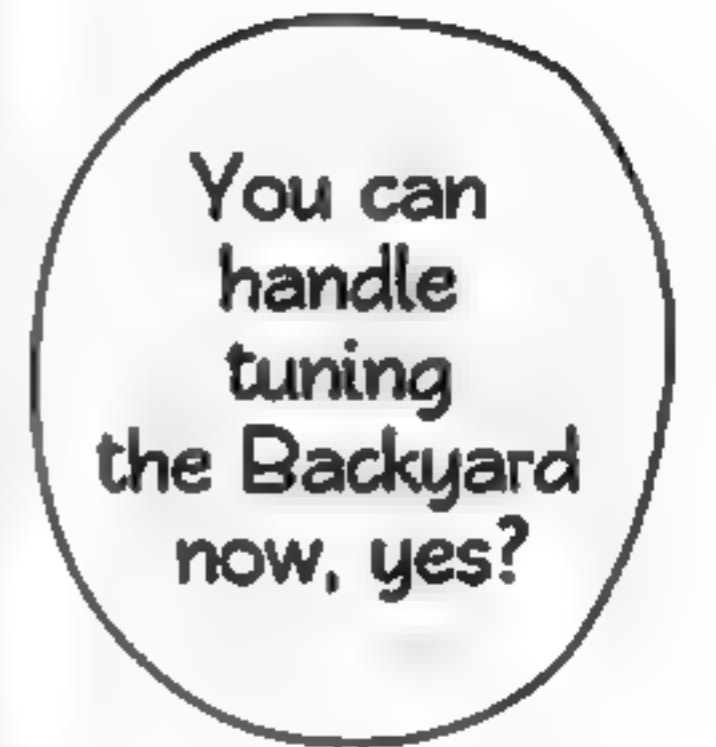
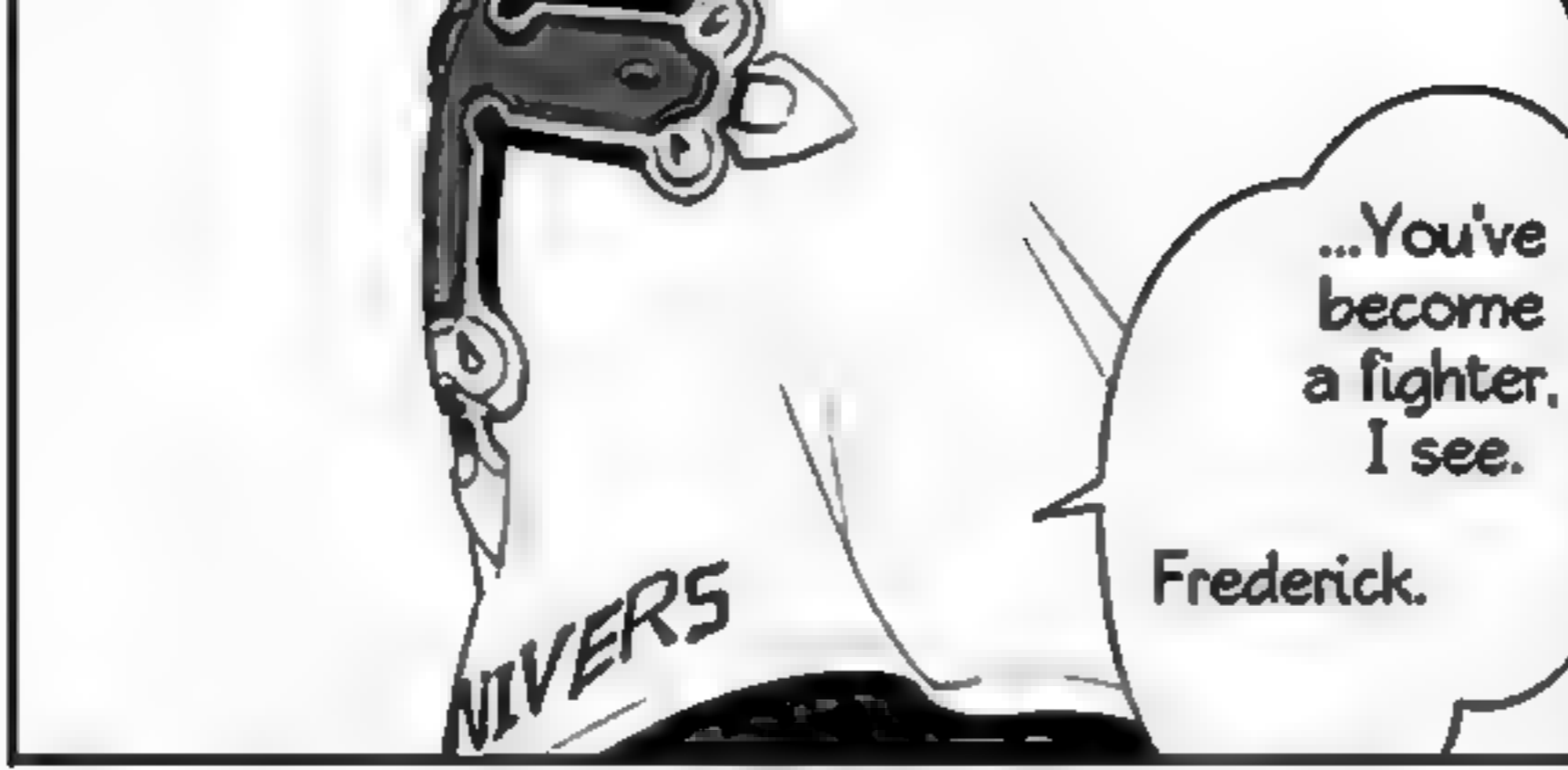


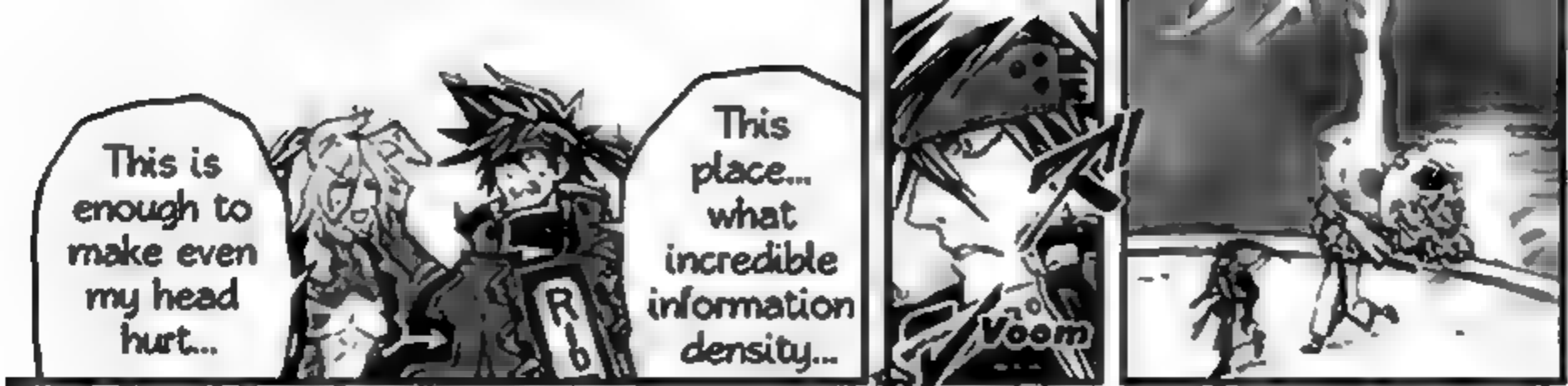
However, you don't have time to deal with me right now...



The Universal Will?







This is enough to make even my head hurt...

This place... what incredible information density...



You'll get used to it soon.



deal with the tension from the external pressure.

This pain comes from your body trying to

Bear with it!



So that's the Cube?



This again?
My head's... ringing ...



How did you get this far?
Unexpected.



It would seem Valentine has already activated the key.

Hm...
Hmmm...
What is this?
Oh.



Why?
I don't understand.



Is it inefficient not to understand "emotions"?

I can't understand.
I haven't failed, and yet...
I feel sick.



What's going on?
The reason Valentine exists...
Has no value?

This is "irritating."





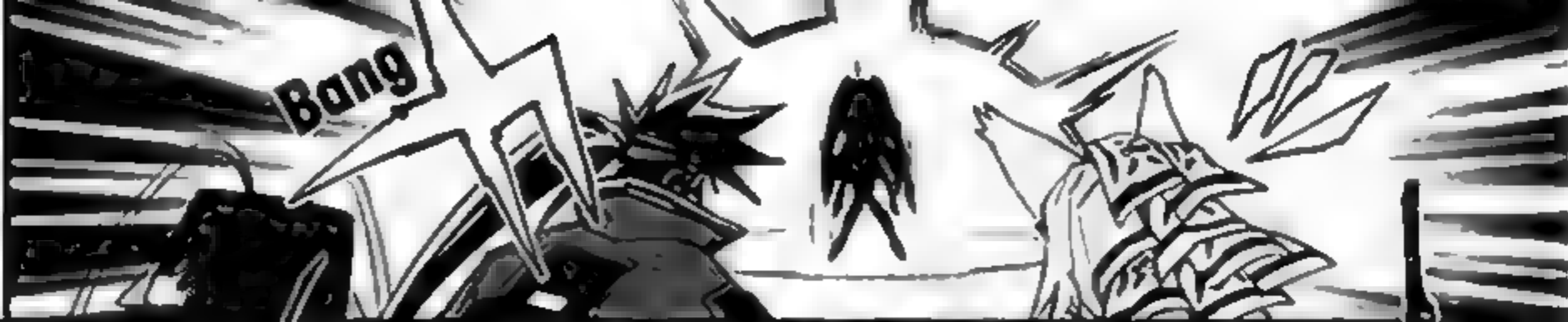
Disgusting...

Disgusting...

Disgusting...

*enough
of
you,
already!*

*I've
had*



This magnitude of magic is unbelievable!



This is typical of him.

We can disarm it?

Listen! The Cube is not entirely unlocked yet. We may still be able to dispel it now.



B... but,
I can't say
whether
Izuna and I
can hold out...

I thought
I recognized this
spell...

I hate to admit it,
but it's a lot like the
form of the
Gear code
running
through me.




Clang



Sin!

We have
hope!



My
bad!

I had
some road
trouble
on the way
here.

Go,
old man!

I'll
handle
things
here!



Dash

I'll
leave
it to
you!



Vanish,
all of
you!

slash

slash

Clink

slash

slash



Guh!

Clang...



Yukiyayay i



Swipe



Bang

RABUEN

Beak Driver!

Uoooooooooohh!



Oh no, everyone, get in here!

A huge projectile is on its way!



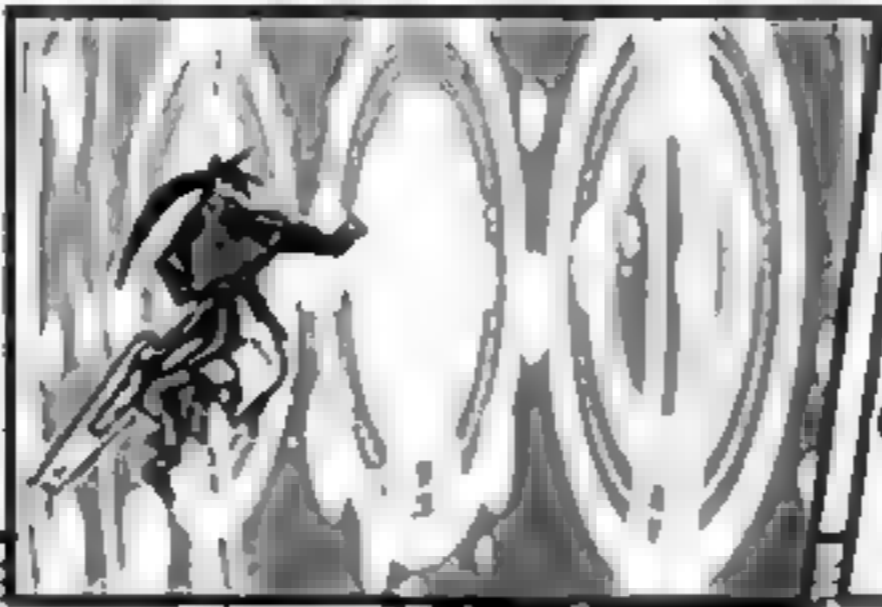
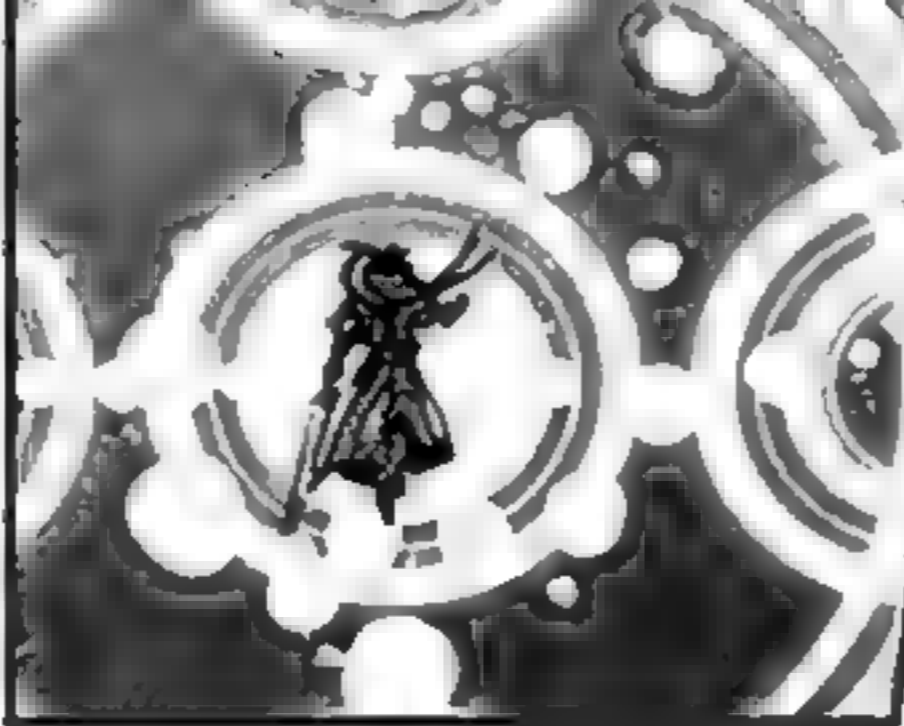
Swoosh



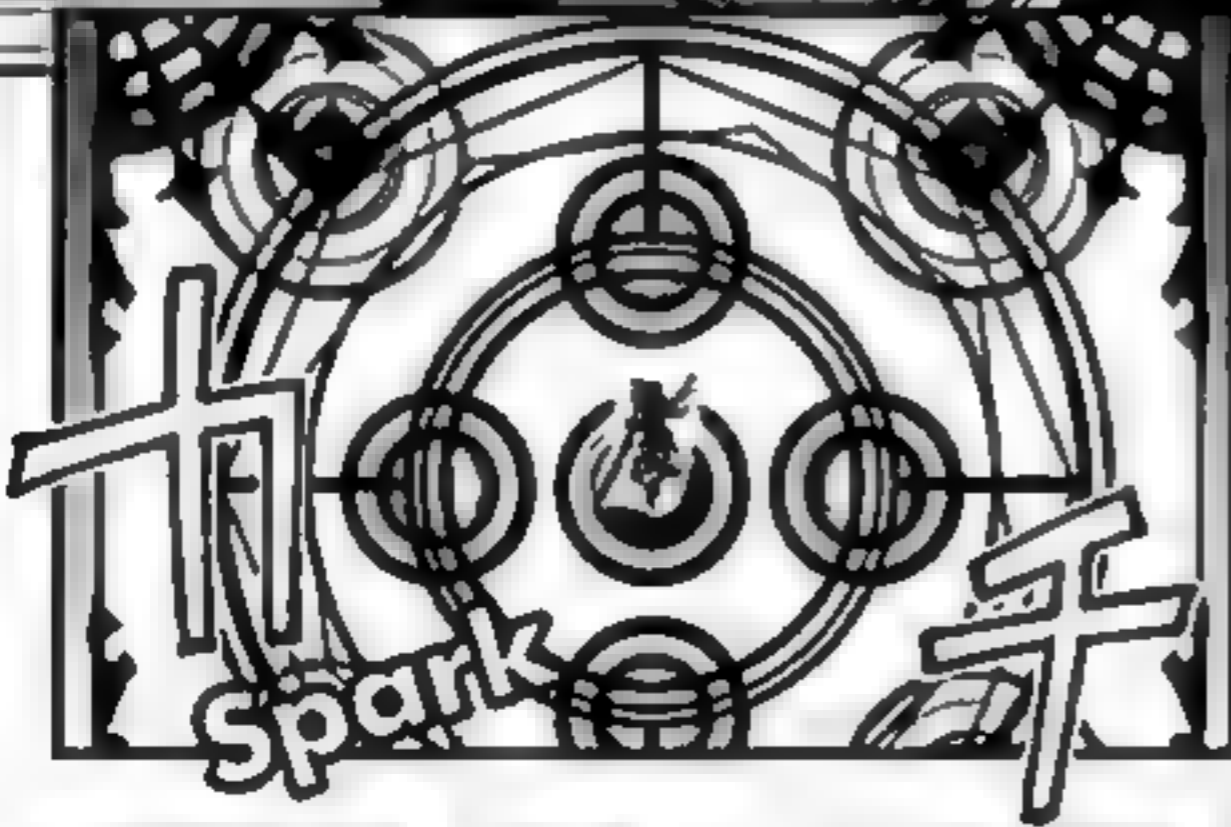
Aegis Field



Vooooom

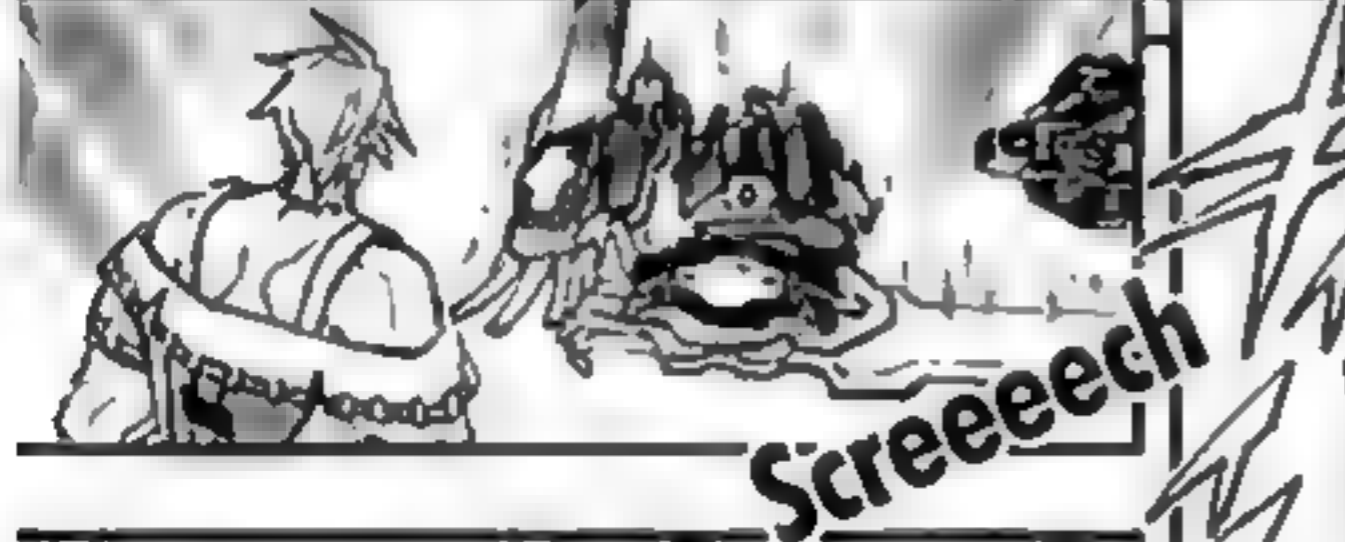
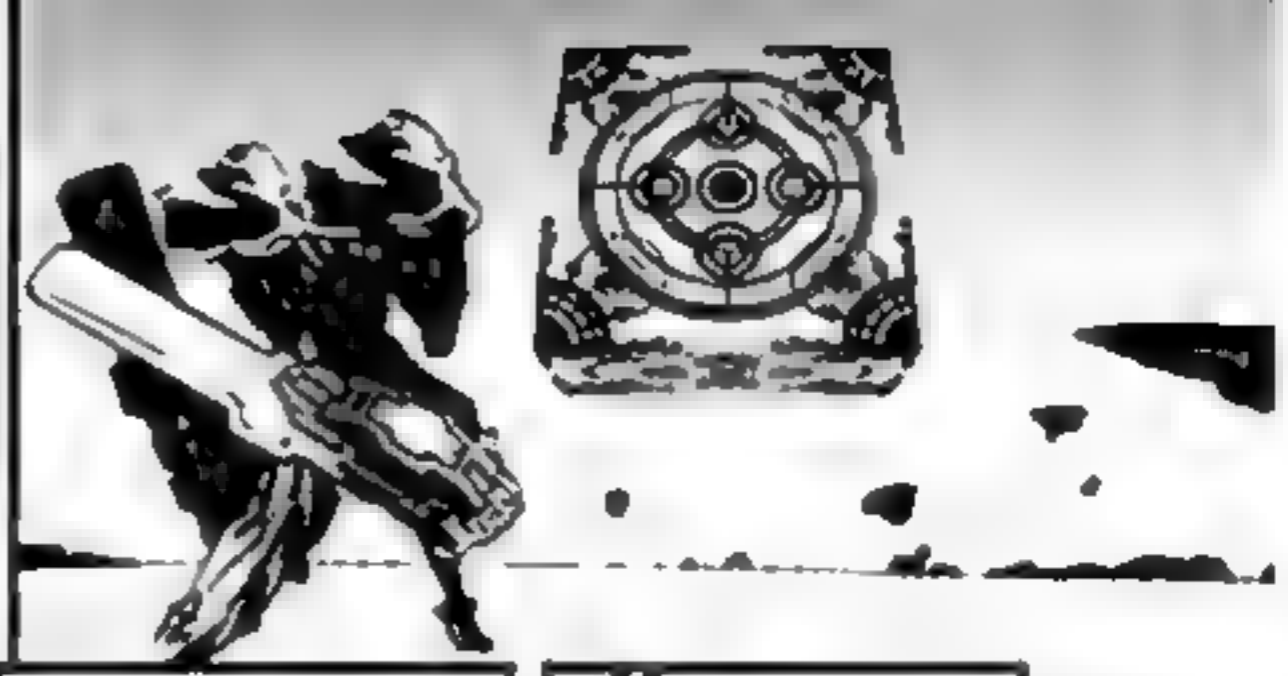


This should...



Vooosh...





Valentine has no purpose.

It's over... It's no good...





And I will!

I'm a dragon!

You, bird man! Take care of Sin.



Frederick!
You...

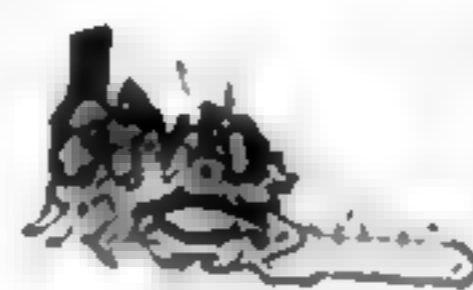


have the right to call Your name...

But, if we Gears, born from sin,

I don't believe in You.

O, God...



Please, protect this man.



My goal
no longer
matters ...

It's
over...

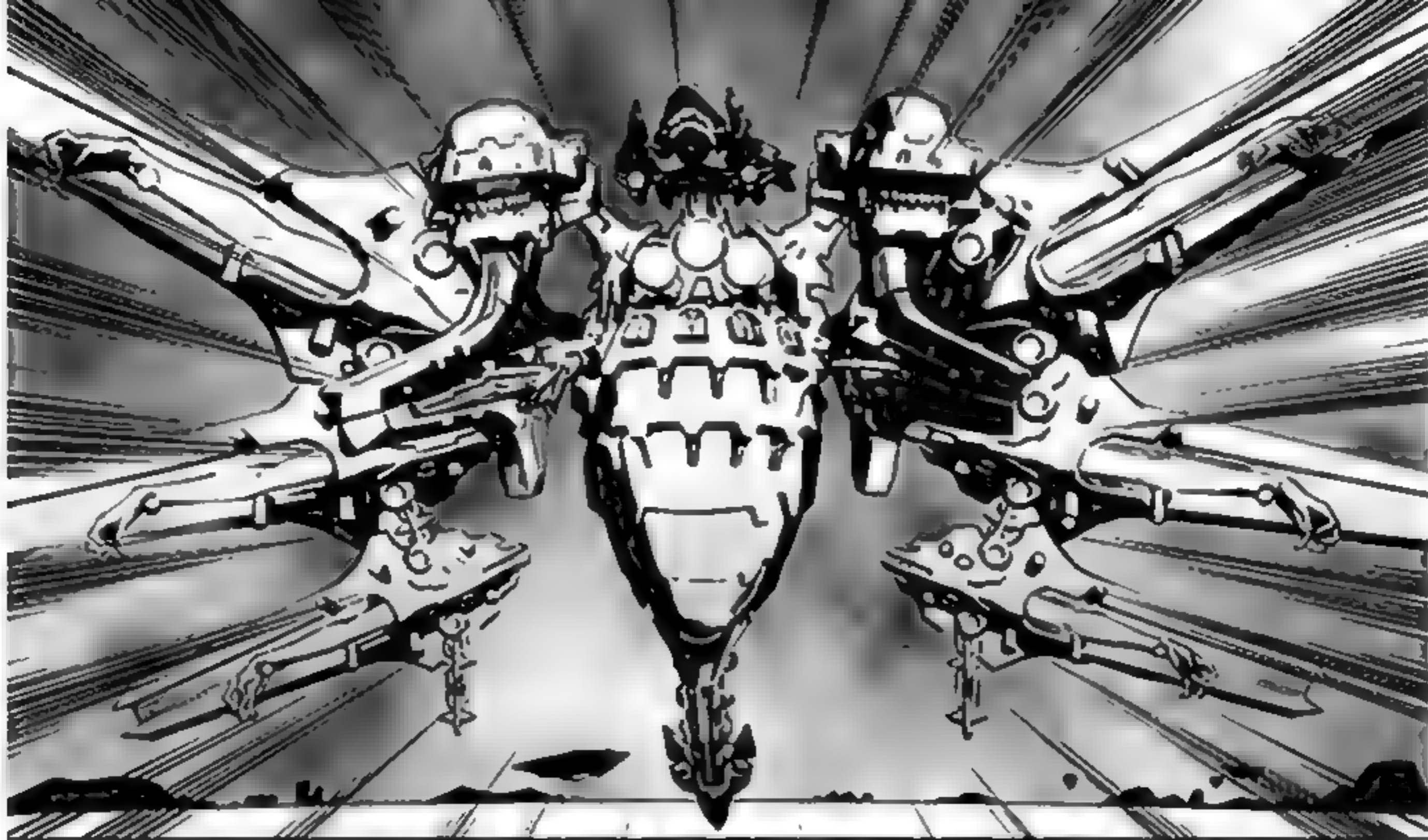
I don't care
about
Mother
anymore.

Die,
already.

You
irritate
me.

**You
piss
me
off
!!**

Booom



I like you
a lot more
this way.

Too bad
we can't
get along.



You
ready
to go?

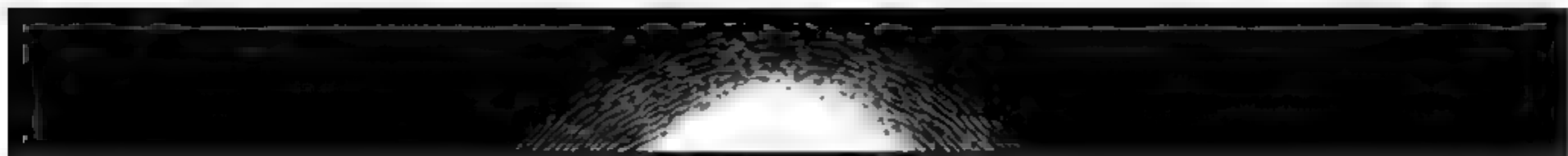
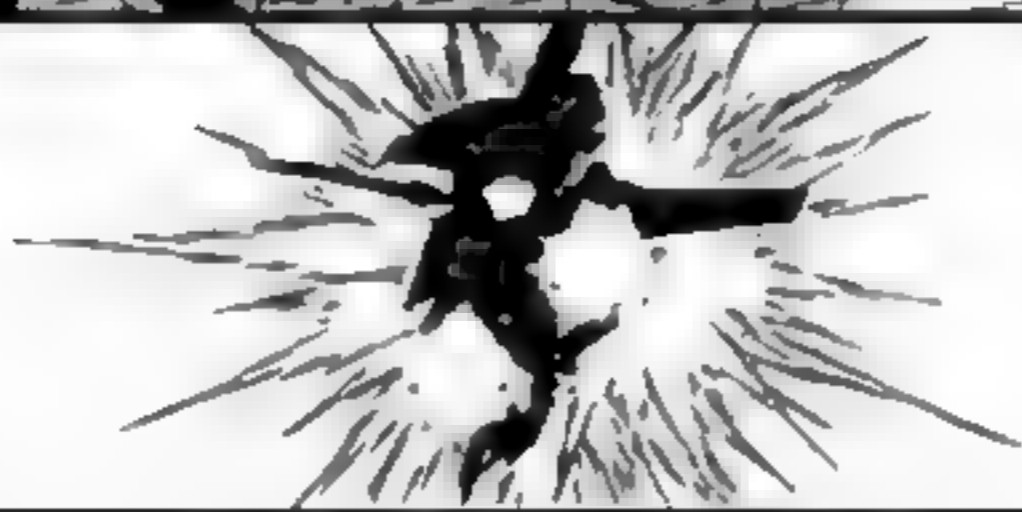


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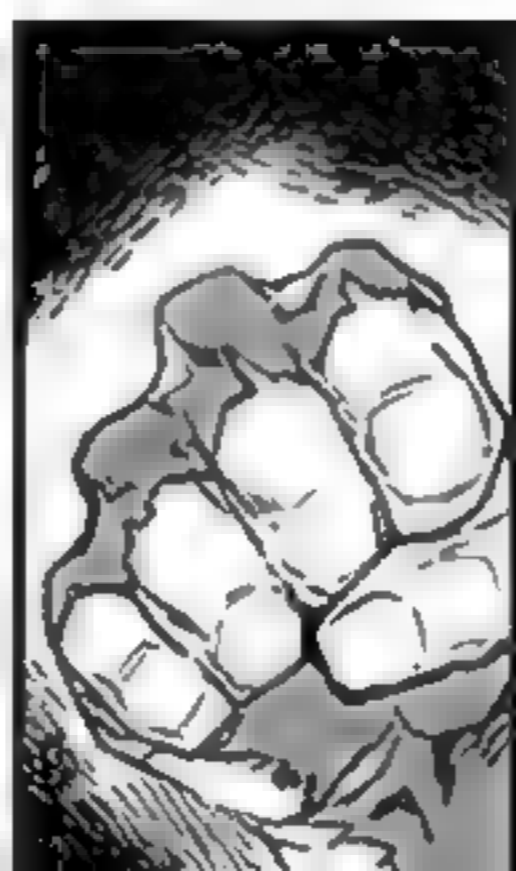
Vooooooooom

Clang





...Aria...





That won't do.

You give up fast.



Hm... So I missed my ride home, huh?



Your presence will be required.

Woosh...

It will come back again as an even greater threat. This won't be the end of the Universal Will.



You ...!



Yes.

The Universal Will...? Is that what she meant by "mother"?



The innocent masses have no such chance.

You're fortunate to be able to play at all.



So Tch... we were playing into your hand?



Bang



Wait! Dammit! I'll kill you!



... Now, go.



Voom...

Was this your doing?

She looked exactly like Aria...!

Valentine...



... Answer just one question!



Let's meet again, Frederick.

Shut up!



Wha...!?



Me... and you...

She killed us.



No. But, she...



Sol
Badguy!

My...
My name
is
Sol!



Woosh...



Oh my!
It's amazing
you're
unscathed.

Old man!

Frederick!

Old man!
You're
back!



Sin!
Sol!

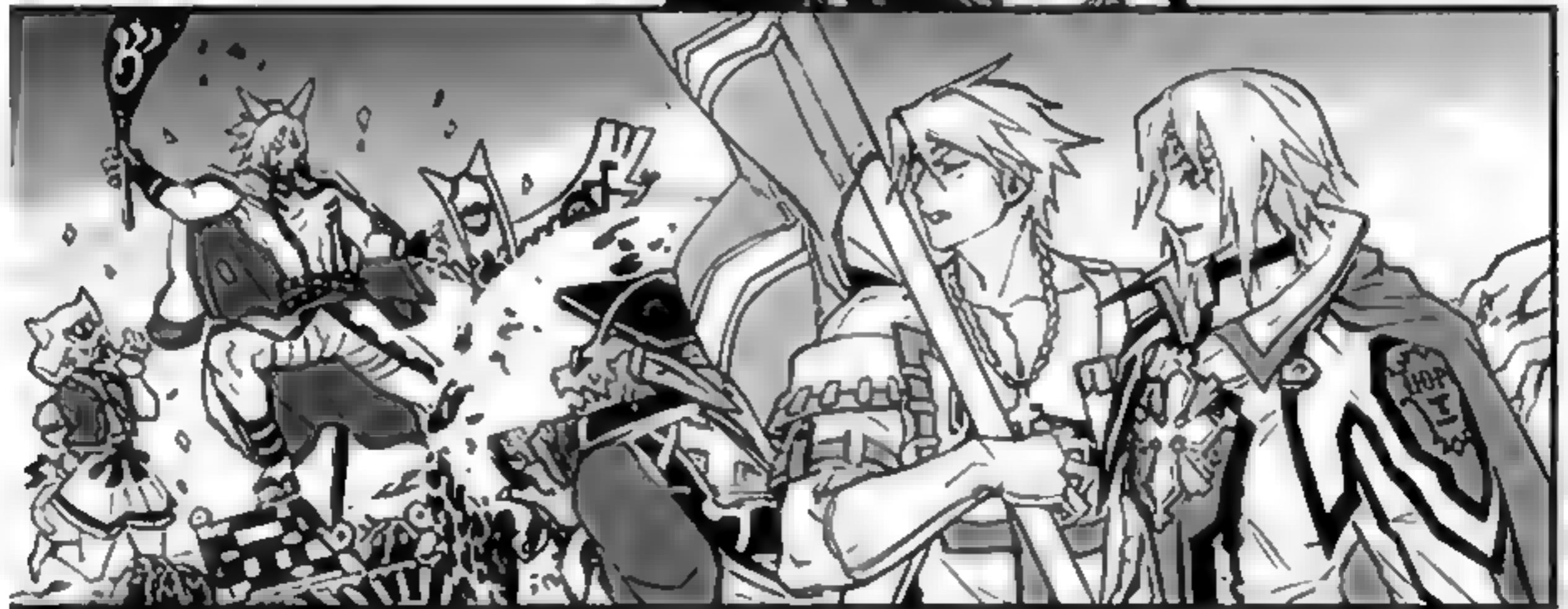
You're
alright!



... Does
being
loud run
in the
family?



Shut up,
you're
freaking
loud...



not that it's a bad thing.



...Well,



It will
come back again
as an even
greater threat.



This
won't be
the end of
the
Universal
Will.

... Live, Flame of Corruption.

UNIVERS

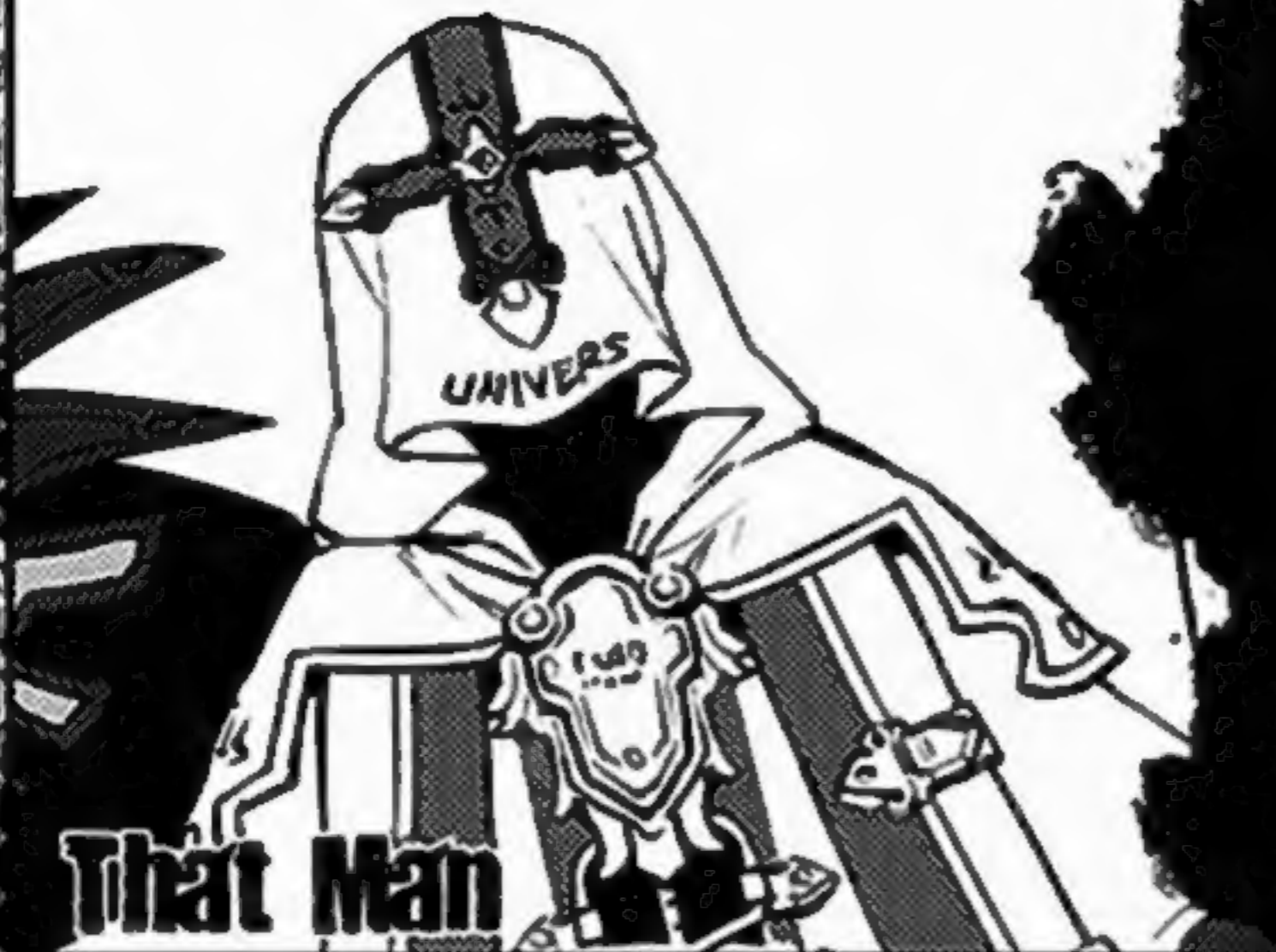


Asuka...

Just
what
are you
thinking...?



Final Chapter



That Man

The worst criminal of human history, who created Gears, incited the Crusades, and caused critical damage to mankind. However, he ends up saving Sol. What is his goal?

They defeated Valentine. Was she the true enemy, though? What was her motive? The next messenger from the Backyard came in a way no one expected.



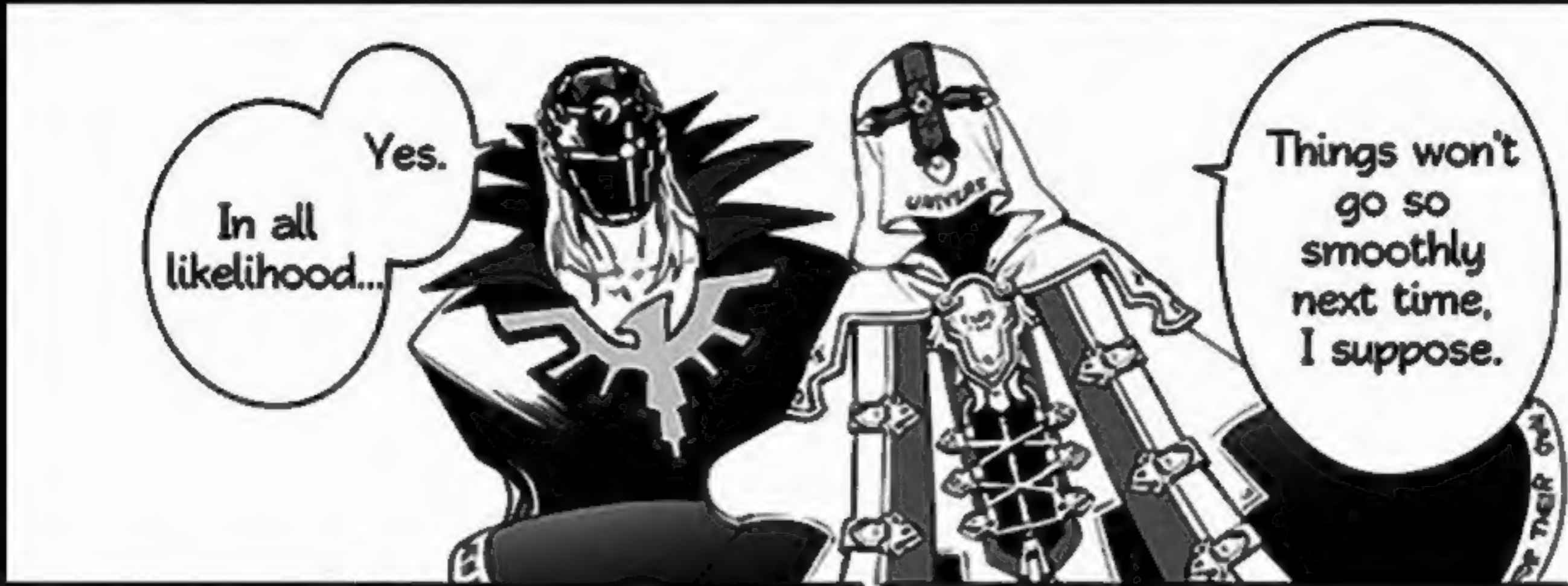
Ramlethal Valentine

A visitor from the Backyard. She suddenly declares war on mankind.



Raven

One of the three people close to That Man. He was born in the era of the Holy Roman Empire. He's also known as the "Immortal Disease," and possesses the impossible ability to revive even after being torn apart so brutally nothing is left behind. He's constantly seeking new stimulation.



In all likelihood...

Yes.

Things won't go so smoothly next time, I suppose.



...I vow to protect you.



The gears have started turning, at long last.



I think so. We share an adverse potential, after all.

Will he... the "Flame of Corruption," appear before you, I wonder?



The time of the "Will" approaches.



Yes, but...

History will tell of the circumstances of our times.



Eh...?

That won't be needed.

wait
any
longer.



Aria
won't


One year later...

My name
is
Ramlethal
Valentine.

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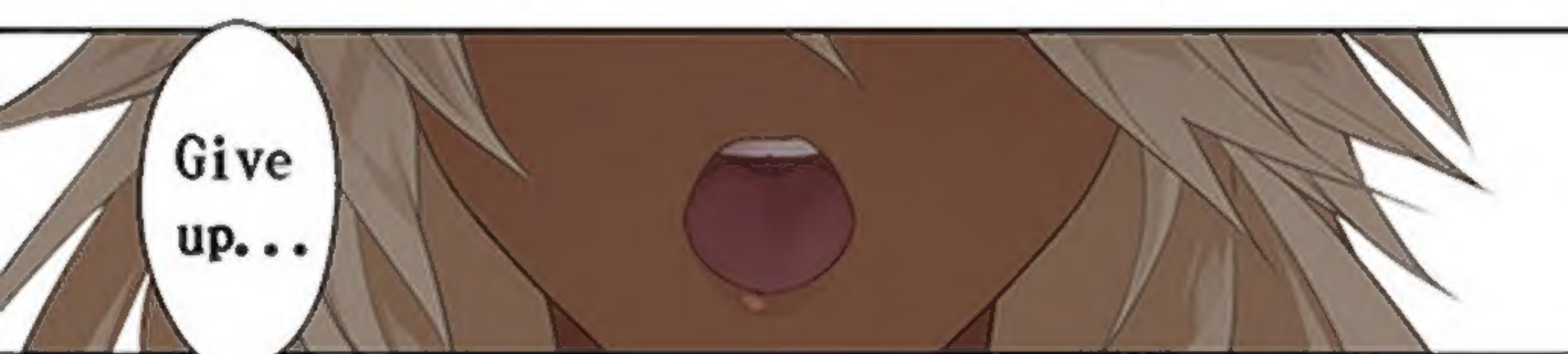
I now
declare
war
on the
world.





one of you
useless
humans

I will
eradicate
each and
every



Give
up...



on the
future.

To be continued in
GUILTY GEAR Xrd
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